





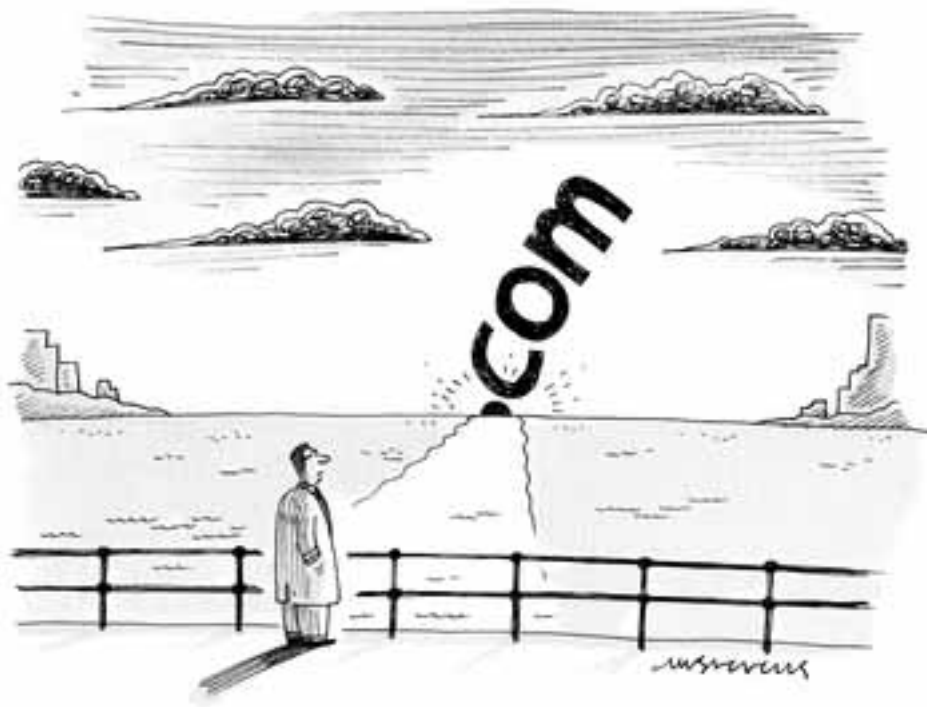
"Just keep reminding yourself that canned is better than dry."



“Don’t anybody move: this is a merger.”



*“Good game.” “Good game.” “Nice game.” “Good game.”
“I’m in love with you.” “Good game.” “Nice game.”*





"We had an argument, and now he's trying to make me feel bad."



"If you weren't so funny all the time, I'd probably laugh more often."





"Rosalie's signature chicken dish is simplicity itself."



“What I don’t, like, get is how she, like, figured out I was, like, having an affair with, like, the babysitter.”



*"I started out here on drums years ago, and I never dreamed
I'd wind up in a policymaking position."*

THE VIRUS THAT'S GOING AROUND

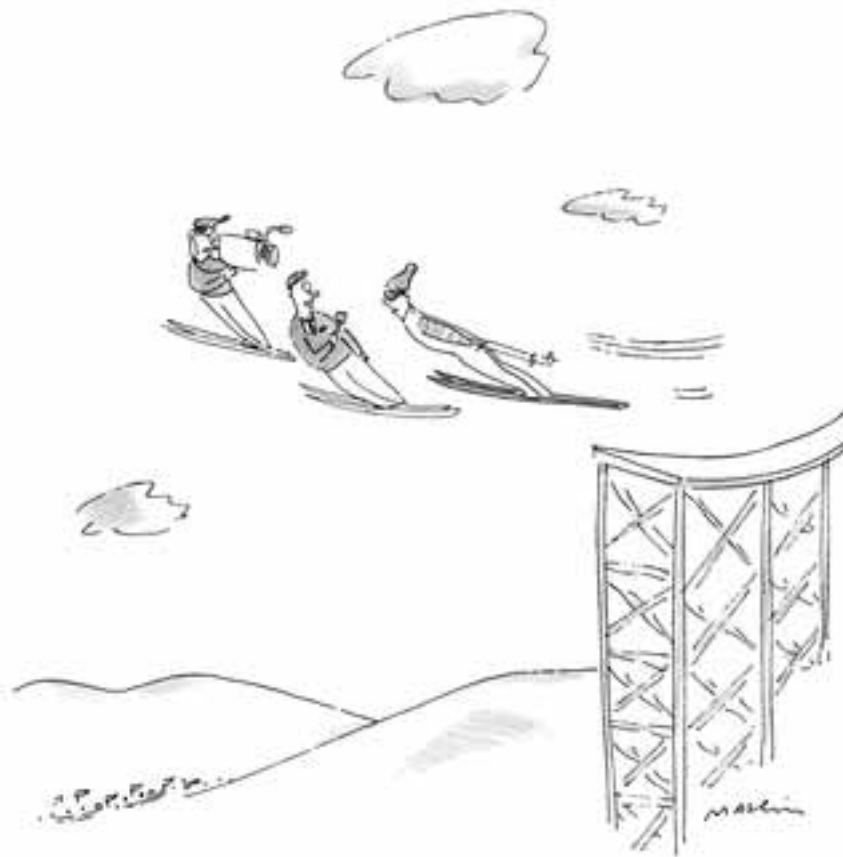




*"I don't have to be smart, because someday I'll just
hire lots of smart people to work for me."*



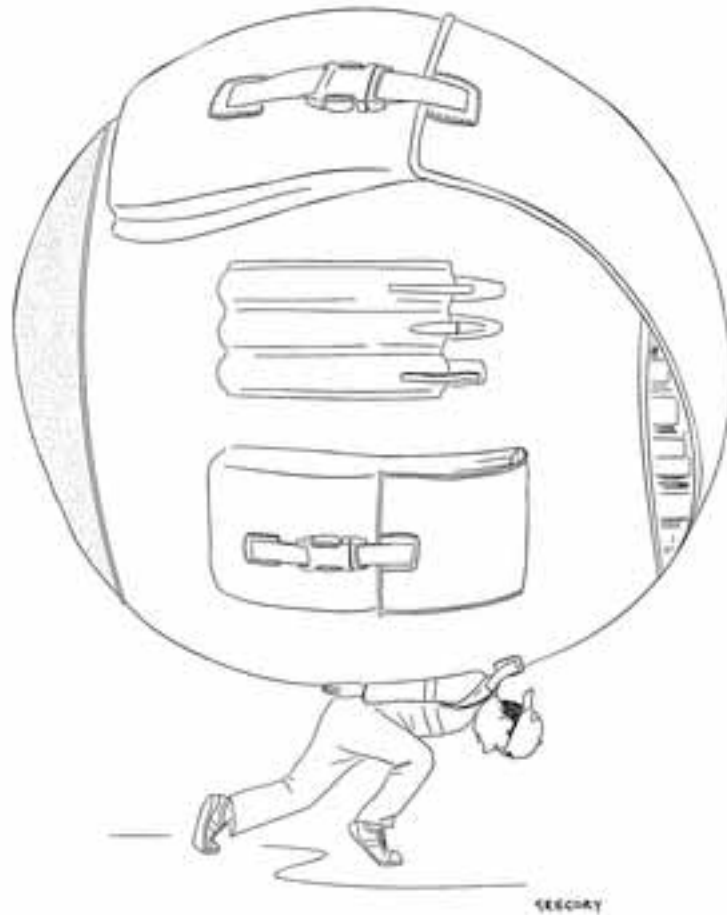
"My concession speech will be brief. You win."



*“Would you like to tell our viewing audience
how you feel at a moment like this?”*



"I love when my husband explains the sixties to me."







"This is Larry. If I were Matt Damon, he'd be Ben Affleck."



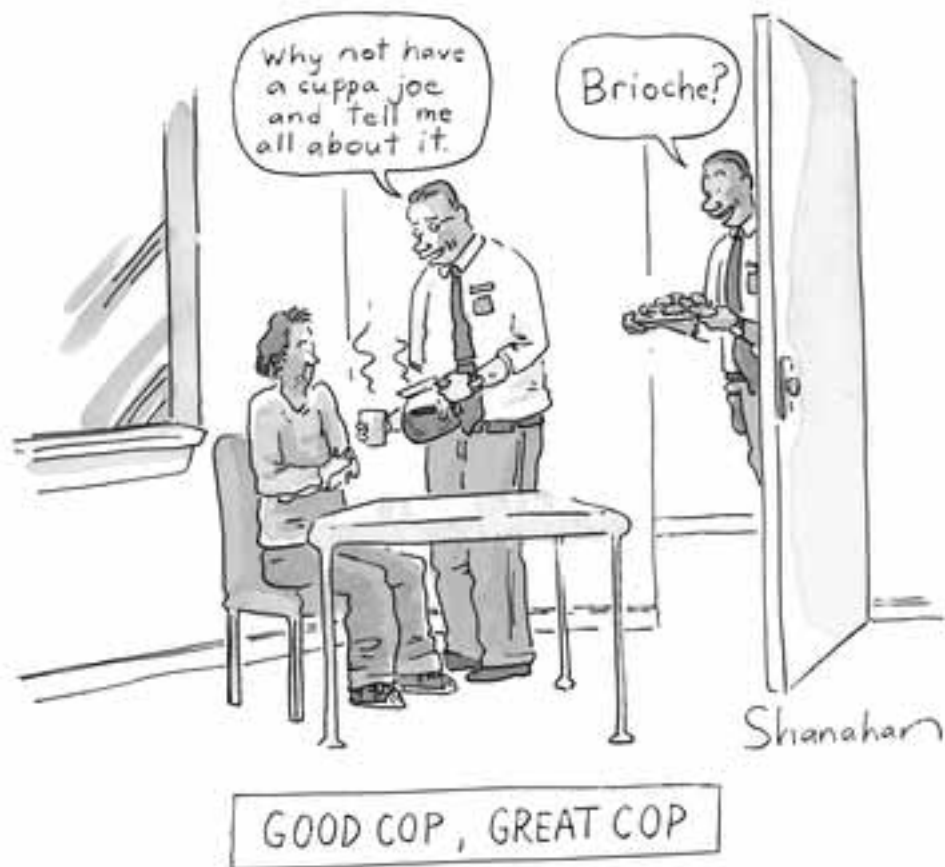
"My high-school reunion went very well, thank you."



"I said I'm ready to make a commitment."



“Unfortunately, all evidence of your son’s intelligence is purely anecdotal.”





"Are you not thinking what I'm not thinking?"

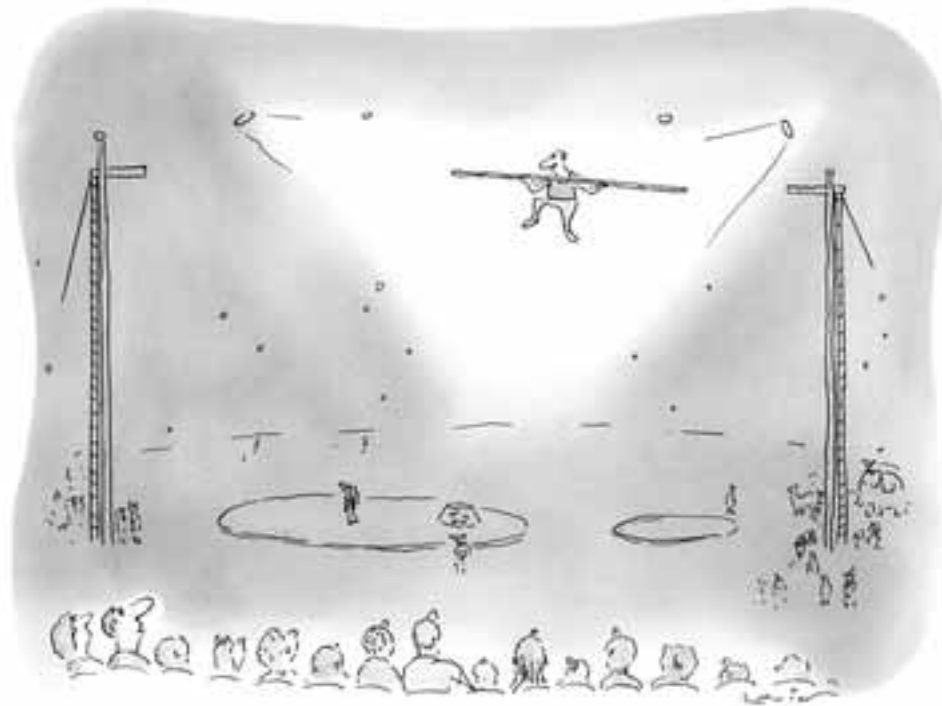




"Let me help you, dear."



*"I'm not against public service. I just think I can
do more damage in the private sector."*



"It appears to be some kind of wireless technology."





"Well, I guess this means we'll have to start feeling our own pain again."



"Oh, sure, it's stolen, but now we have to get on with our lives."



“Are you going bowling or is that Prada?”



Something for a Very Special Person





"The revolving disco ball is a nice touch."



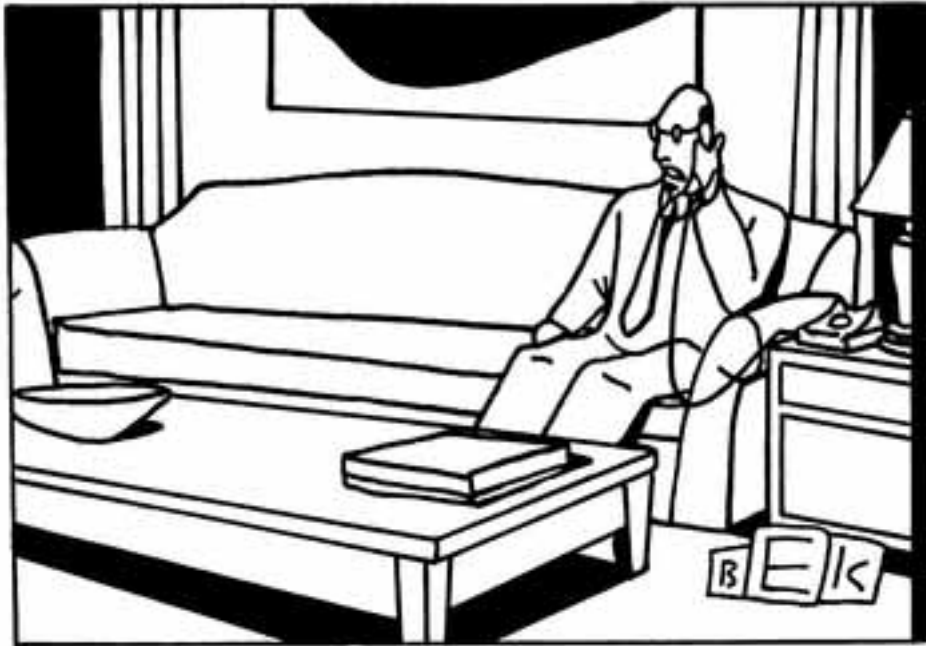
*"The moment I saw this, my soul cried out
that it could triple in value."*



"My mom has a new boyfriend, my dad has a new girlfriend, and all I got was a new therapist."



"We must never take for granted the precious gift of hindsight."



“Doing something never solves anything.”





"I love the ephemeral nature of live theatre. Once a specific performance is over, you can never be subjected to it again."



"Believe me—you don't want to know."



"How can I access this heart?"



"Is everything all right? I heard the motion detector go off."



*“And remember—no more subjunctives
where the correct mood is indicative.”*



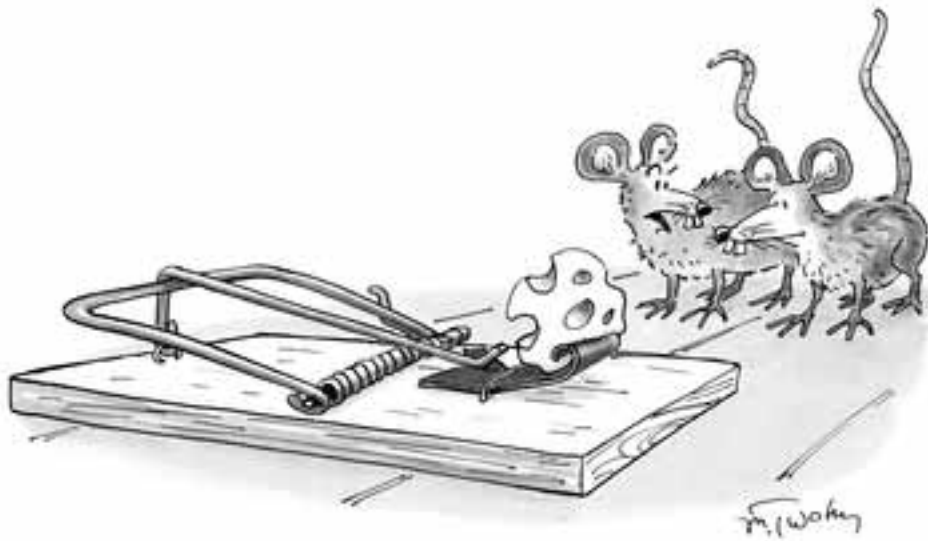
“Either this is the wrong chart or—let’s just hope this is the wrong chart.”



“And this one’s for homophobia.”



"I'll have the vegan."



"Careful—it might be a trap!"



"I'm expecting easy confirmation."



"I hope you're not planning to run for political office in the future."



"Your Honor, if it please the court I'd like to deliver my opening comments in the form of a power ballad."



“Don’t tell me about busy—I’m on my freaking honeymoon!”





"Do you have this in a cat?"





“Whatever you’re selling, they’re buying.”



*“Really? ‘Happy Hour’ is meant ironically?
And you say everybody knows this?”*



"Hi, I'm Zeus, the man behind the myth."



"You'll eat anything with 'poids net' on it."



*"It could be one of those things that crawl into your ear
and lay eggs, and the eggs hatch and burrow into your—
nope. It looks fine."*

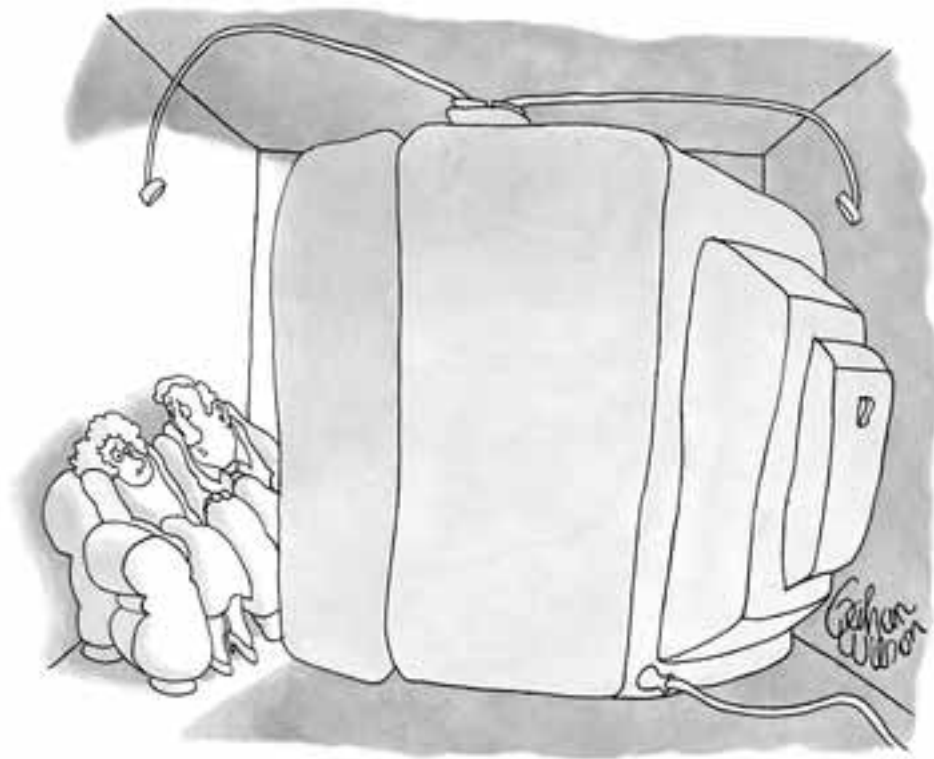


"A lawyer unpaid is justice denied."

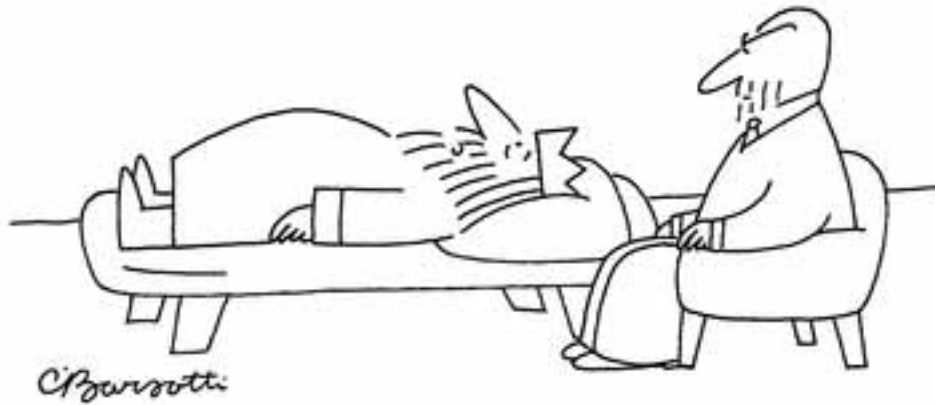


*"The only reason I would take my husband
to Paris would be to hide the body."*

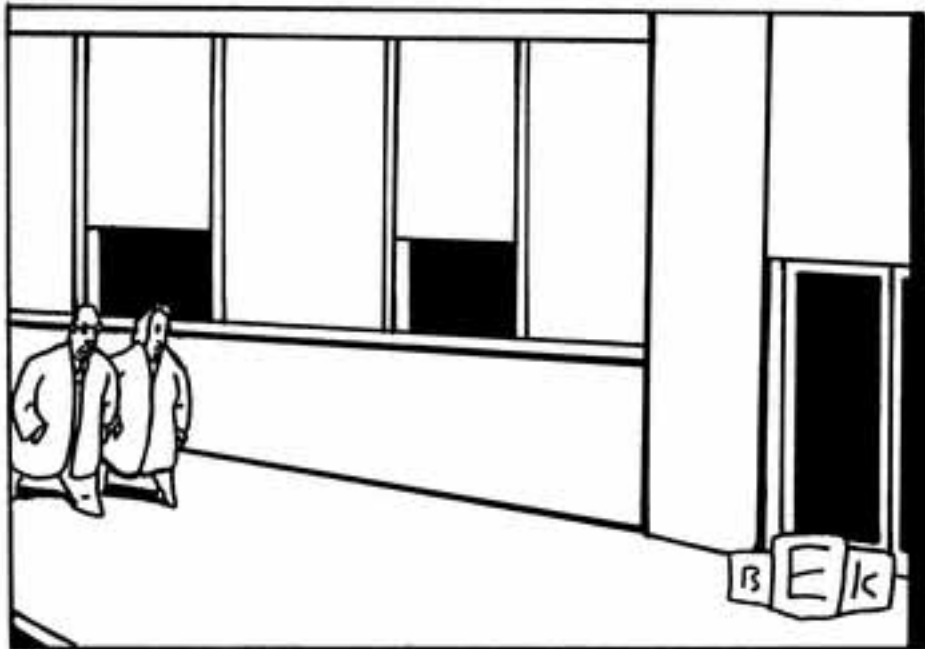




"Notice how the more we watch it the bigger it gets?"



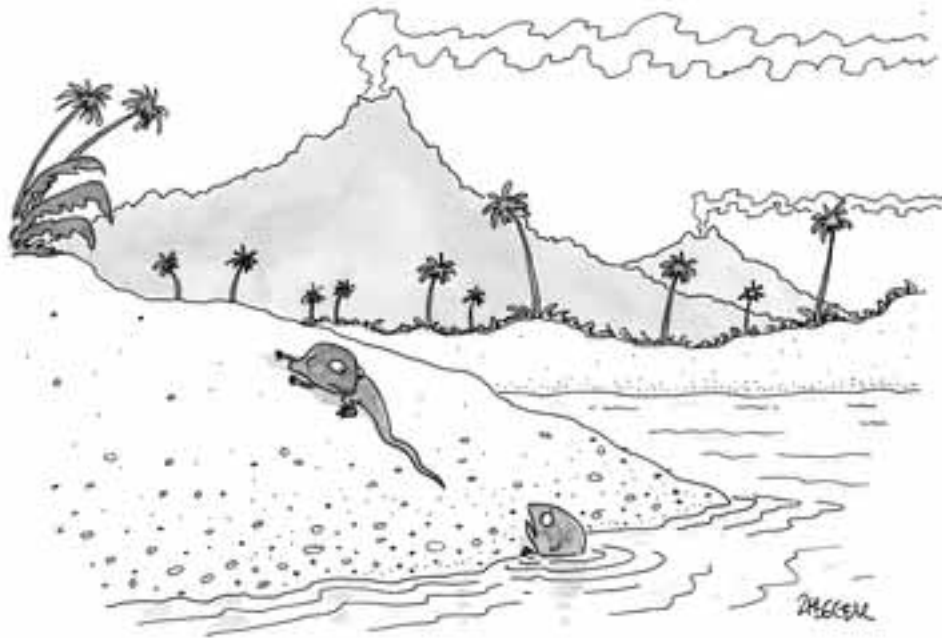
*“Well, if you buy the stuff the public-relations
people put out, I’m Edward the Great.”*



*"I don't mind if something's Shakespearean,
just as long as it's not Shakespeare."*



"Emily, I want you to be the mother who hires the nanny of my children."

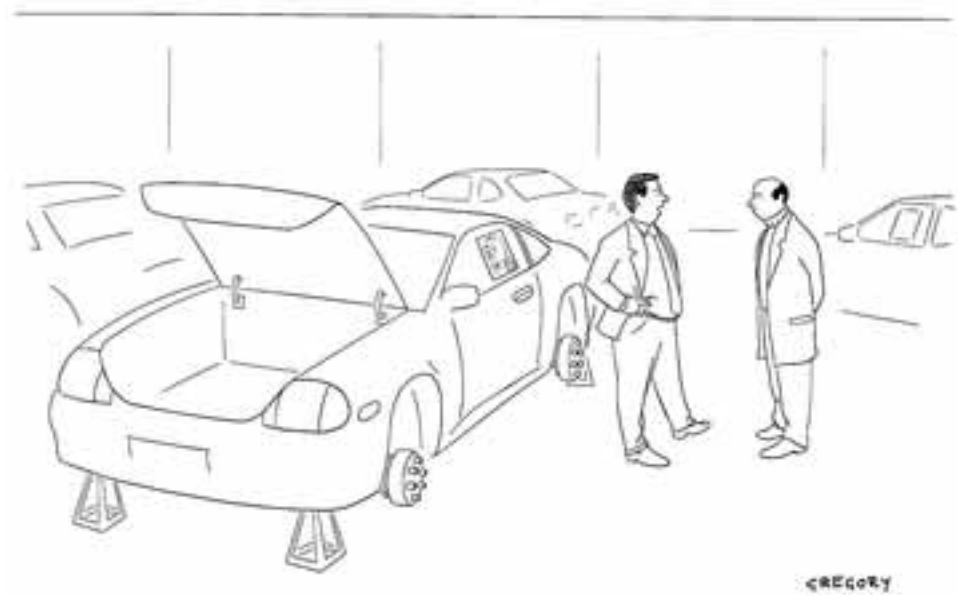


“If Mom catches us out here, we’re really gonna get it!”





"Is it your intention to seethe for the next four years?"



“Wheels and an engine? Now you’re talking sports package.”



"I'm not giving up the present till I see the party bag."



"It's kind of sweet when they're all settled in like this."



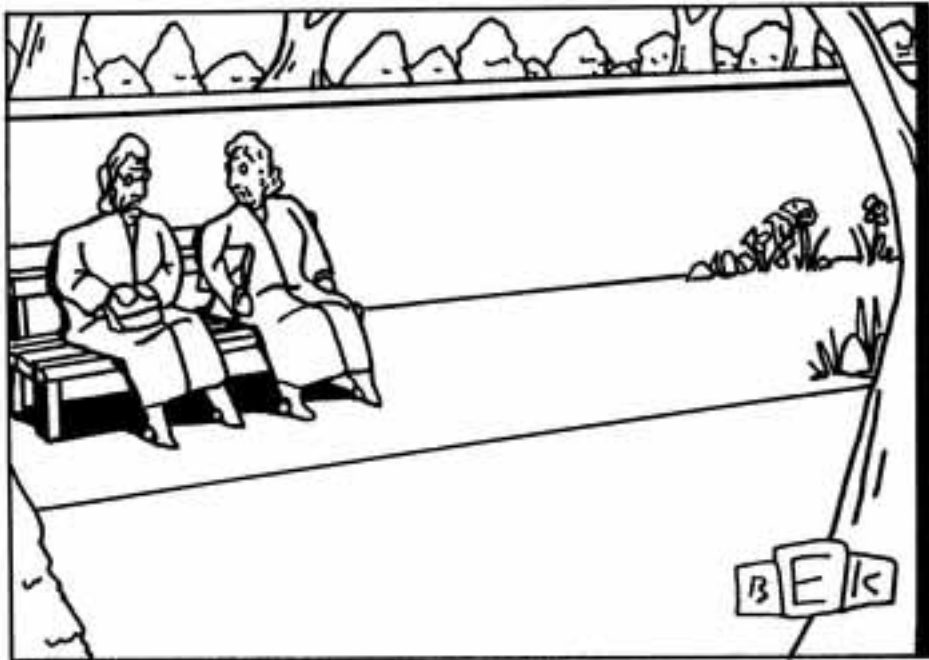
"The suggestions are supposed to go in the box."



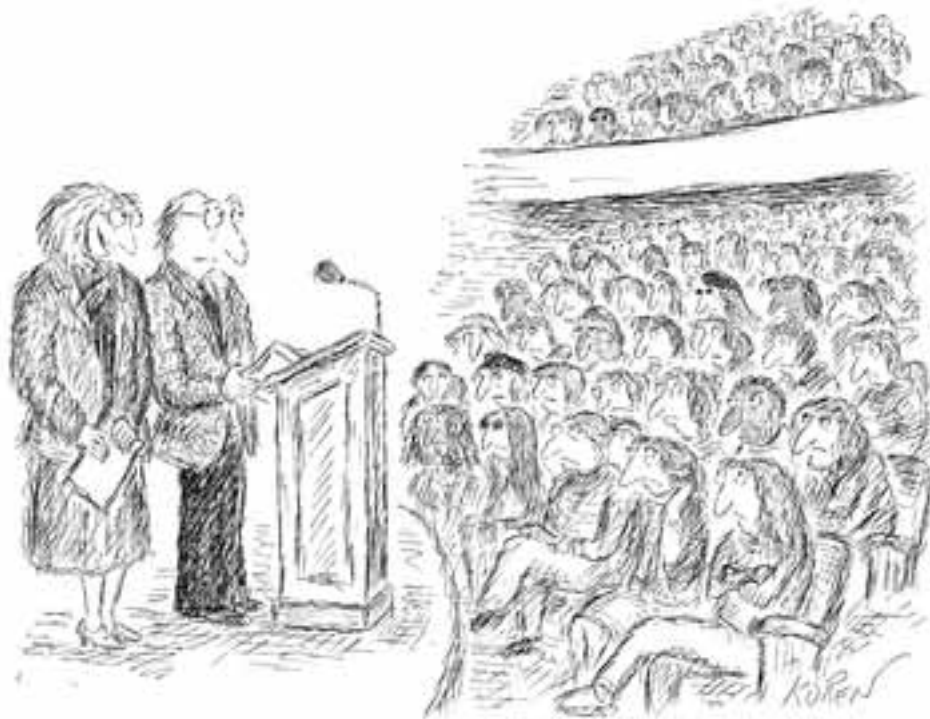
*"Someday, you may thank me for breaking what was becoming,
in this family, a vicious cycle of inheritance!"*



"You have creepy peasants."



"It was an incredible journey, but a crappy life."



“Good luck with your lecture, Eric—they’re loaded for white male.”



*"That's O.K., Dad. I think I'll go with
the ambient waterfall sounds tonight."*

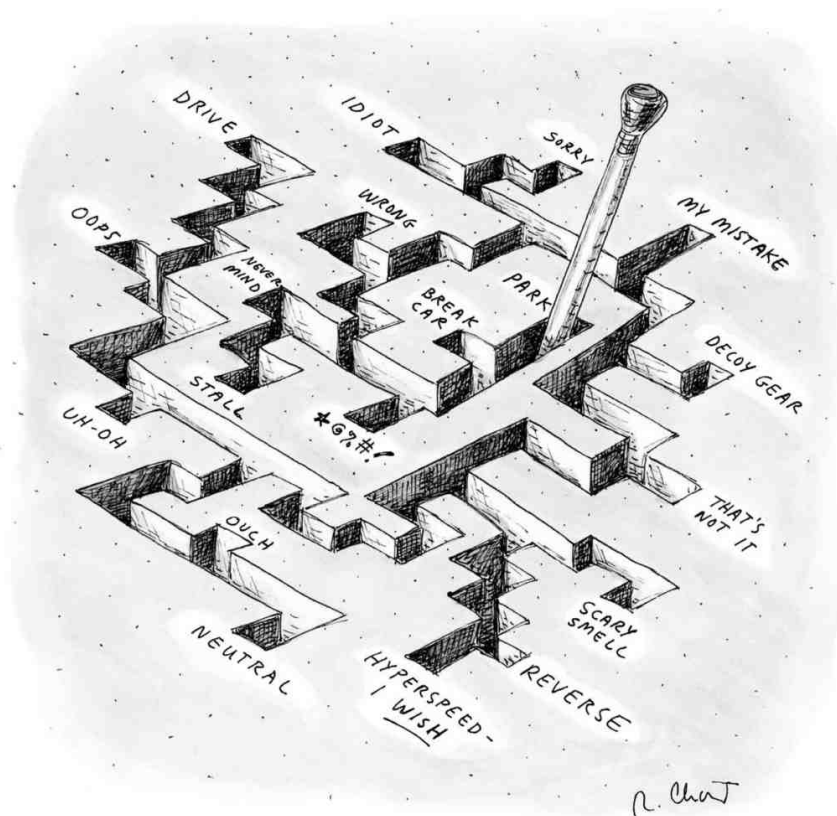


*“This first-quarter projected-earnings report—
does it make my butt look big?”*



"Forty-one years of marriage. That's a long, long, long learning curve."

THE NEW CAR





“Say—do we really want to bury this Armani necktie?”



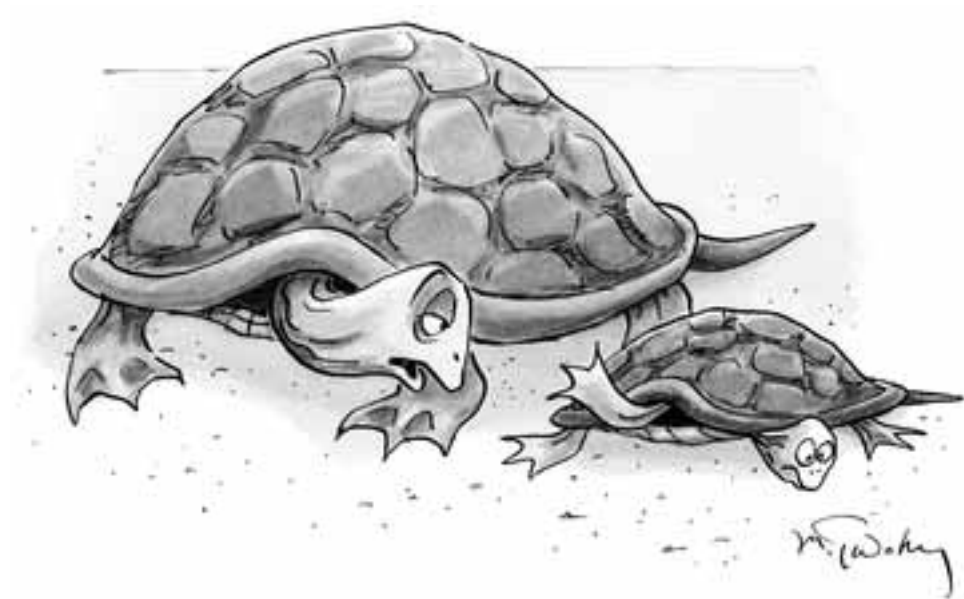
"I always thought Laura's interest in kick-boxing was purely recreational."



"I do a lot of Off-Broadway—you know, like this."



*“Oh, sorry. I was just musing on the nature of power.
Did you say guilty or not guilty?”*



"Honey, your head's through the armhole again."



“Have you and Tim picked out a name for the career obstacle yet?”

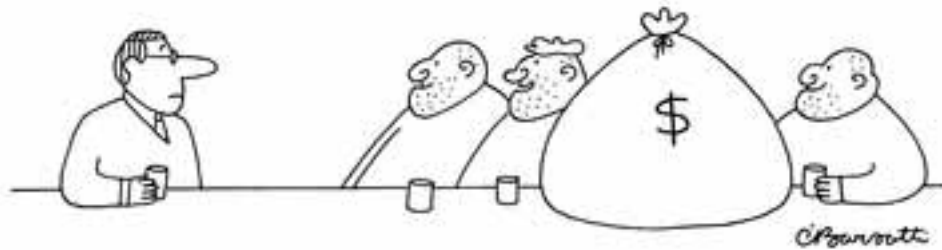


"Ms. Johnson, bring in your steno pad. Also, a new keg."



"It was the only domain name they had left."





"It's O.K., we're faith-based."



"This is my wife—the founder and executive director of our marriage."



"It's your mother. She wants to remind you again just how difficult and painful your birth was."



“Here’s the deal, Josh—these two gentlemen want to turn that note you passed in homeroom into a movie.”



"It was an artist's loft. Now it's a lawyer's loft."



"I should have had him put into a more manageable format years ago."



"I've had a request. Nonetheless, here's another song."



grown into an inner teen-ager."



“He’s your type—gorgeous, successful, and totally unavailable.”



“Now is the time to heal the country by ridding ourselves of the unwell.”



"You can't handle the meaning of life!"



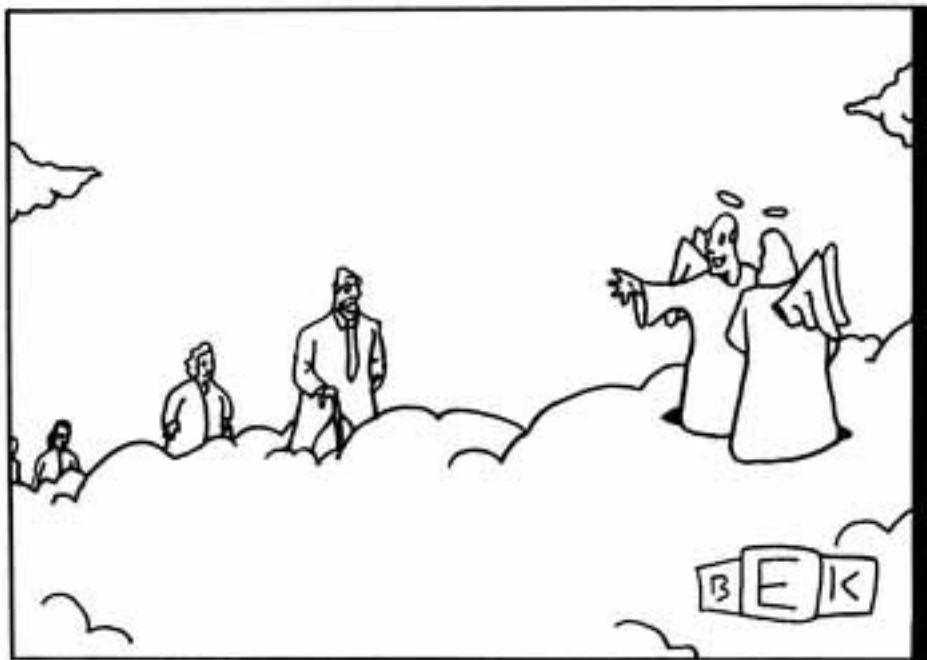
"Is it dark in here or is it just California?"



"It's too late for a nose job and too early for a face-lift."



*“Grab some lederhosen, Sutfin. We’re about to climb
aboard the globalization bandwagon.”*



"Hey, great death!"



“A pretty rock is always nice at Valentine’s Day. Or perhaps another wheel? Or—gosh—what woman doesn’t enjoy a lovely bit of fire?”



“Righty-tighty, lefty-loosey.”



"Don't overdo it, Ira. This isn't even our car."



"Patch?"





*“What does it mean if you meet with the President,
but he doesn’t give you a nickname?”*



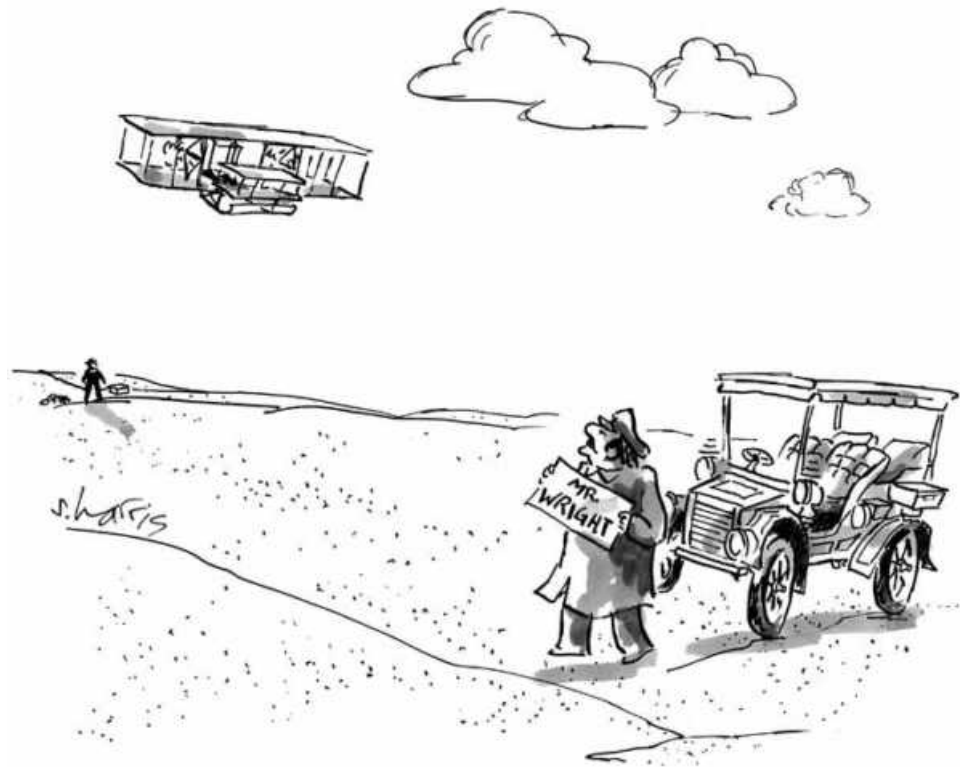


"I'm not yelling at you, I'm yelling with you."





"She reminded me of you!"







“Well, for example, people who don’t have dungeons might spend their evenings playing cards or watching television.”



"Honey, come inside. It's going to take a while to accumulate."



*“Don’t call yourself a murderer—you’re just a person
who happened to murder someone.”*



"Leave the box."



"I'm sorry, but the name 'Parker Posey' is already taken."



“Kevin is one of those fabulously charming young right-wing sociopaths you’ve been reading about.”

THE VAIN BUT REALISTIC QUEEN





*"This is where our trails divide, Luke.
You have my E-mail address, right?"*



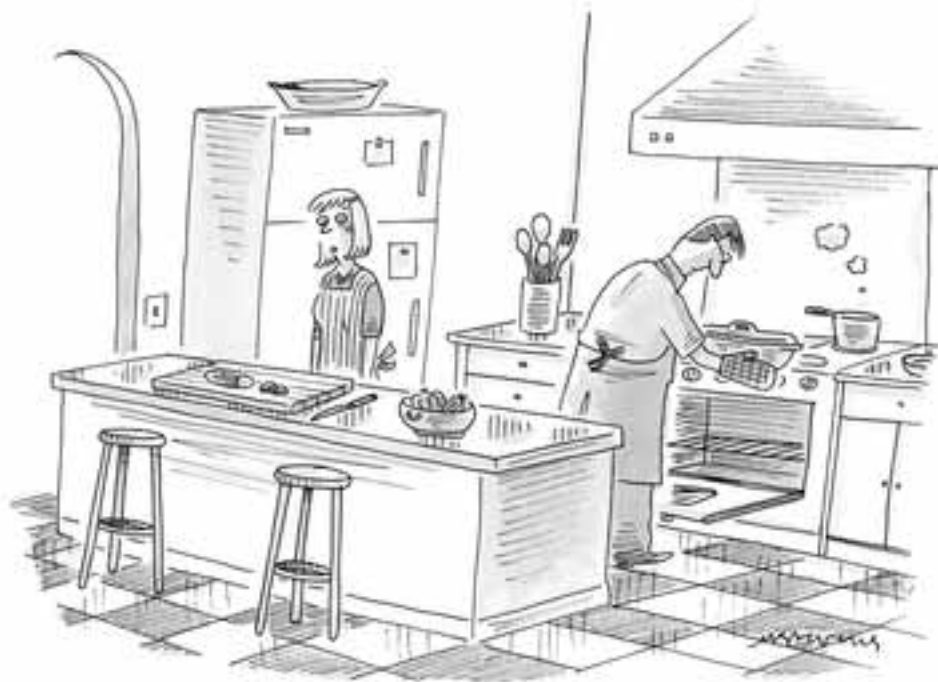
*"You have the wrong number. No one whose name
is pronounced that way lives here."*



"Of course my cough is productive!"



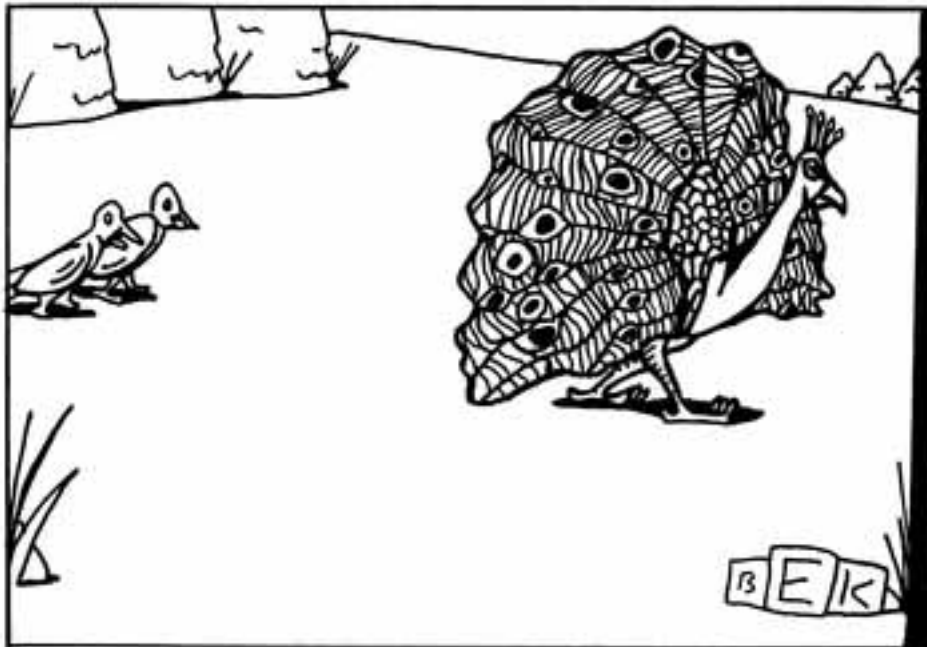
"If I had my life to live over again, I'd unlearn macramé."



“When did our relationship move from the bedroom to the kitchen?”



Change of Heart



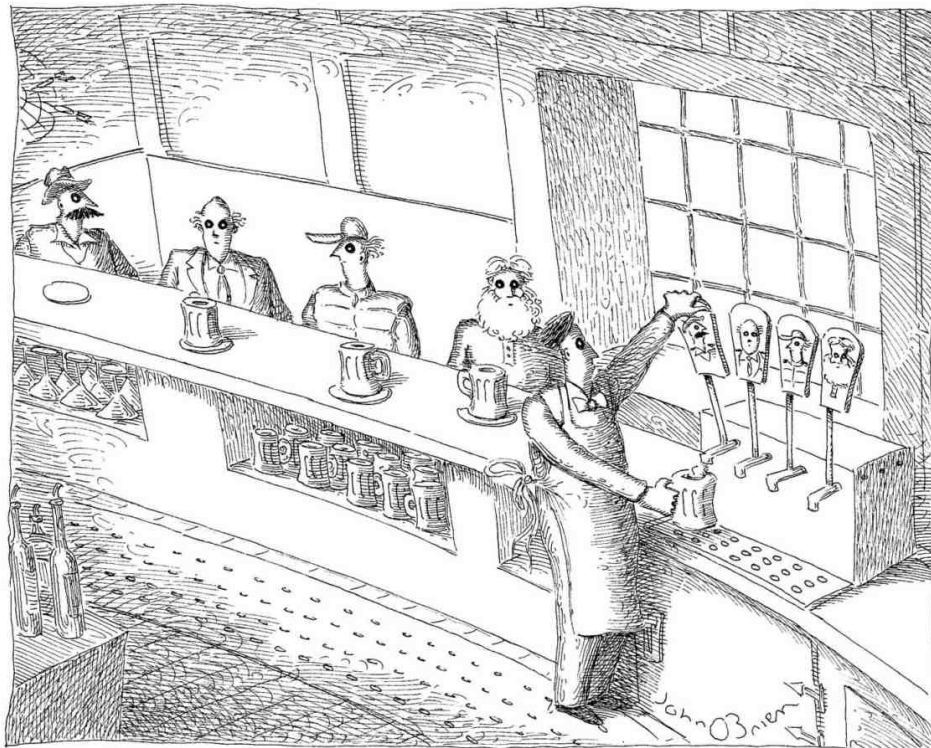
"That's a plumage don't."



"I consider myself to be a counterproductive member of society."



“Get in, Tom—we’re goin’ to Oklahoma. Hear tell they got ‘lectricity.”





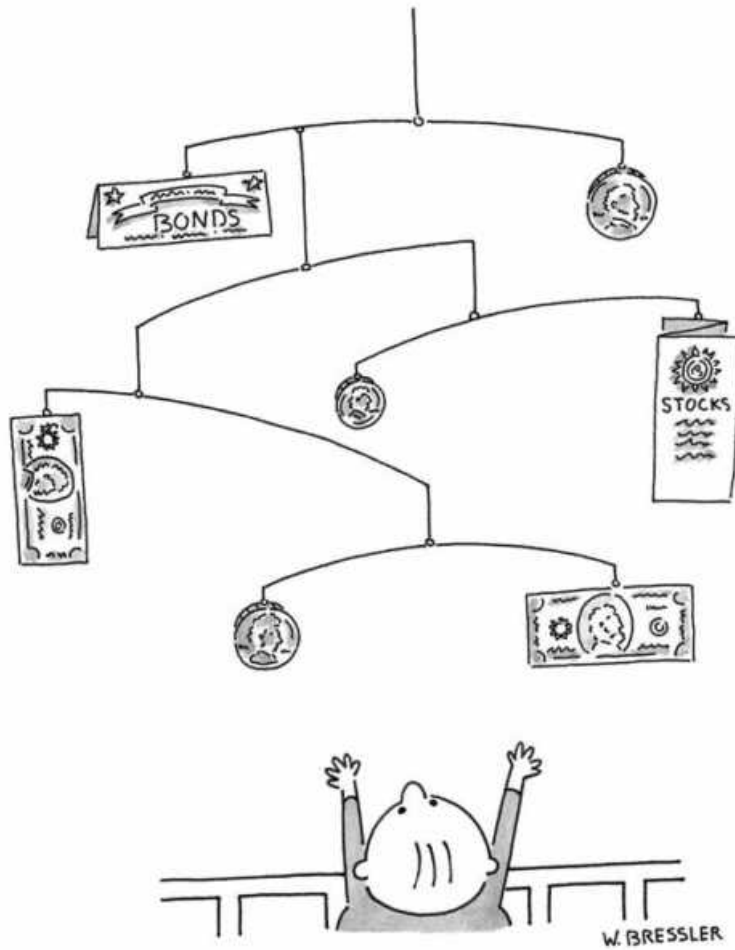
"All in favor of getting a real conference table instead of holding up this four-by-eight-foot sheet of plywood with our knees?"



*“Frankly, counselor, I don’t care how stressful this is for your client—
tell him to get out of that damn yoga position.”*



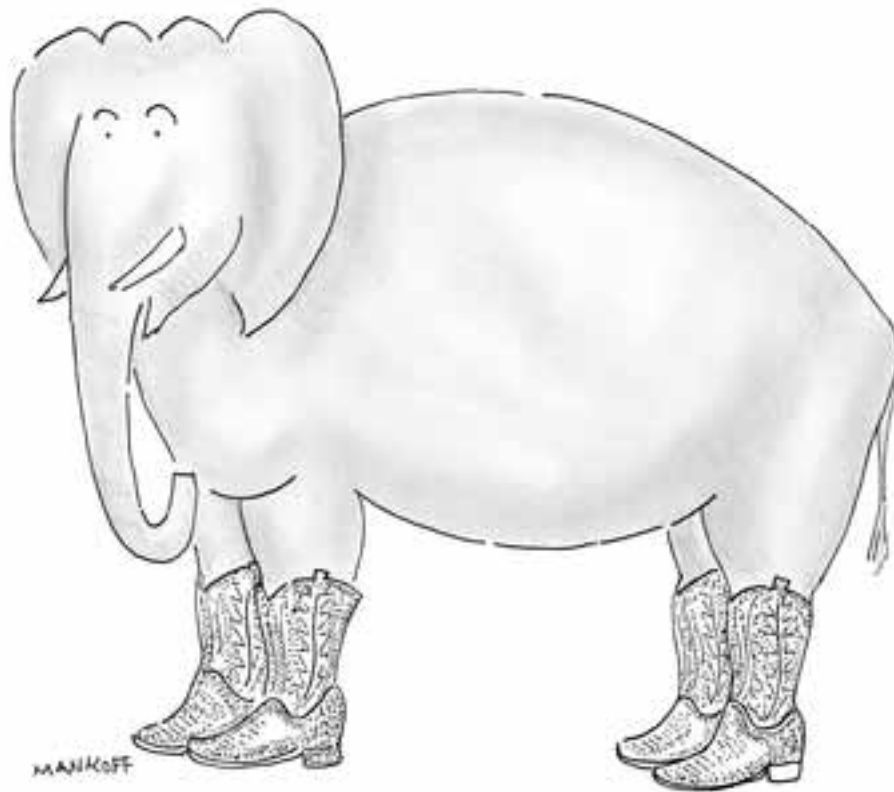
"Let me through—I'm morbidly curious!"

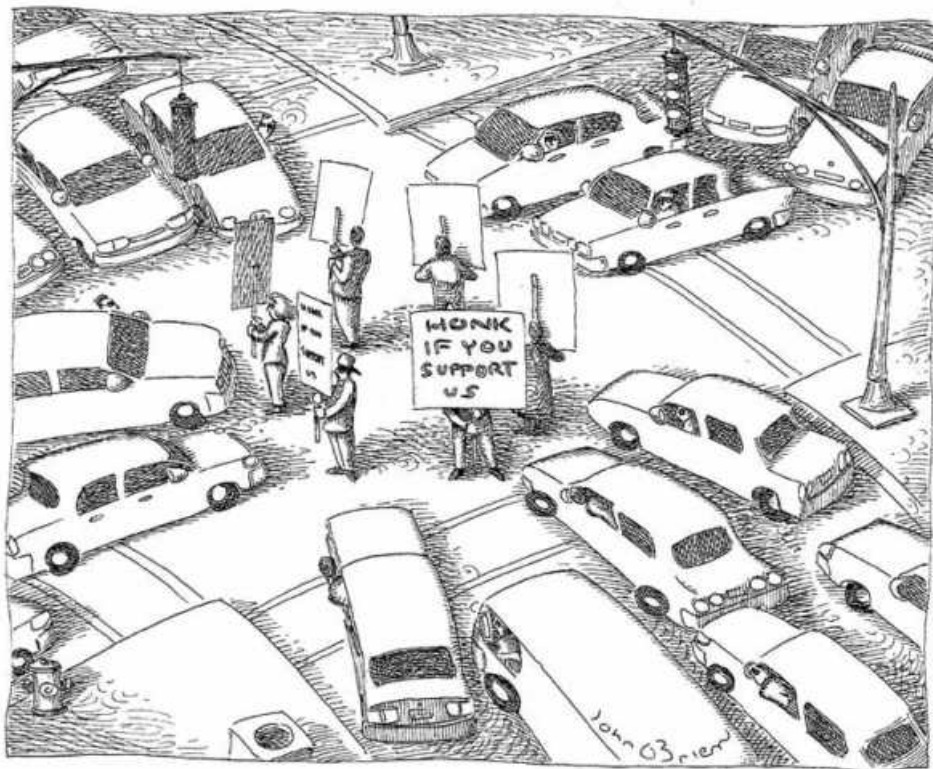






"For what it's worth, I pardon you, Marvin."







“You’re right—things are funnier in threes.”



"I'm only a finger-pointer now, but someday I'll be a whistle-blower."



"Nobody told me it was formal!"



*"I, too, hate being a greedy bastard, but we have
a responsibility to our shareholders."*



“Now that you have a boyfriend, are you going to get rid of a cat or two?”



*“O.K. with you if I eat that piece of wedding cake
that’s been in the freezer for thirty years?”*



"I contemplate Zombie number seventeen"



"Just in case you were wondering, I'm shielding you from my moods."



*“It’s a little less amusing when you hear
your kids calling it ‘the death tax.’”*



“Almost there. Go get ‘War and Peace’ and anything you can find by James A. Michener.”



"Believe me when I tell you that I'm not that honest."



"He has a new travel mug and no place to go."





“Have you ever noticed how old married couples start to look alike?”



"Sometimes I think you guys don't want peace."



“Yes, sir, caricatures can be very revealing, but that’s not what I’m doing.”



"Will he know what this is regarding?"

Nursery Rhymes for Those Who Just Can't Get with the Program.



Yesterday, right on the air...



I saw a man who was not there.

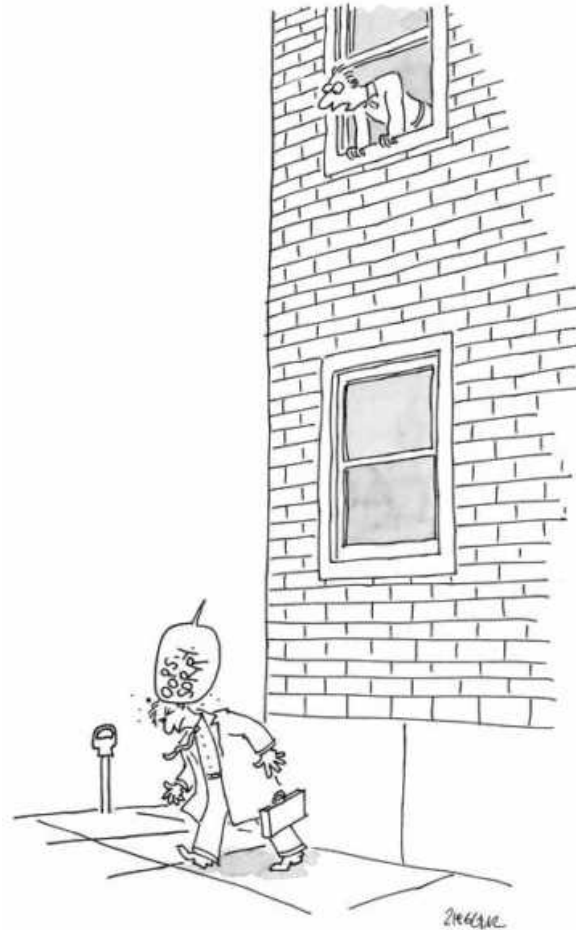


He wasn't there again today.



Oh hell, I wish he'd go away!





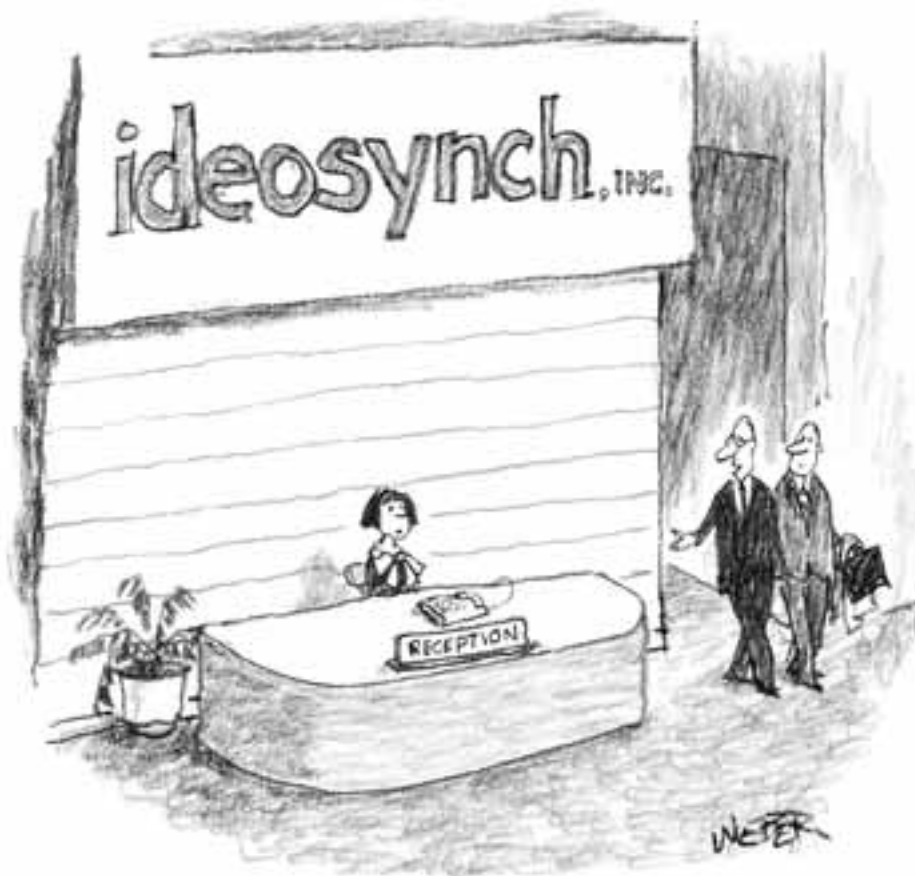




*"Daddy just got sick of money for money's sake,
so here we are in Washington."*



"They stay together for the money."



"This is Ms. Watkins, a vital member of our greet staff."



*“Actually, I work for a newspaper,
but people won’t talk to me without it.”*



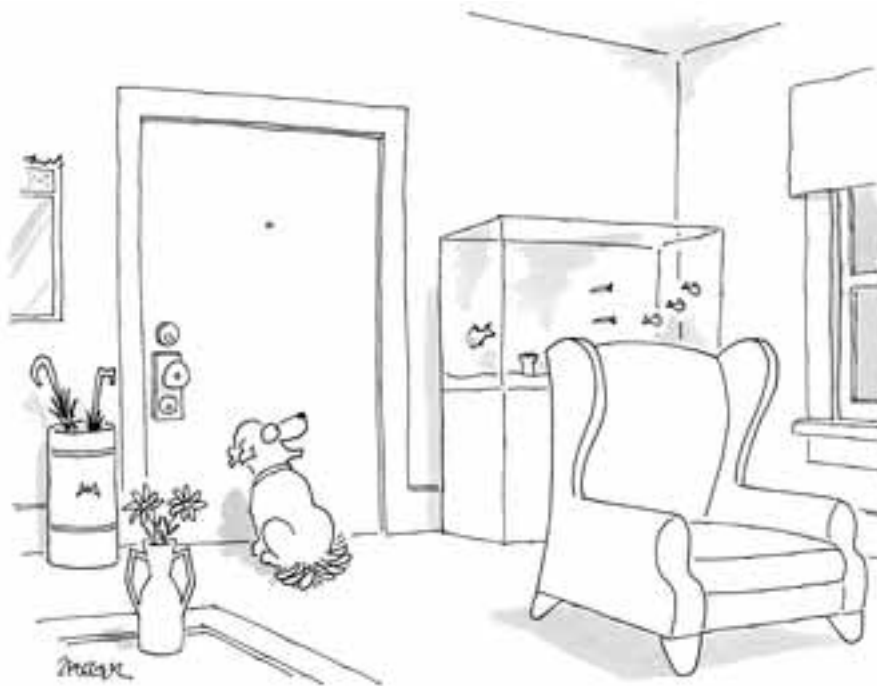
“See that man sitting right over there? He gives me fever.”



"We've got to talk—let's go to a movie."



*"Hon, would you say a kind word to Maria?
She's entirely in technology stocks."*



*"They're back! They're back! How do I look?
Oh, never mind! Never mind!"*









"It's not high-definition anything. It's a window."

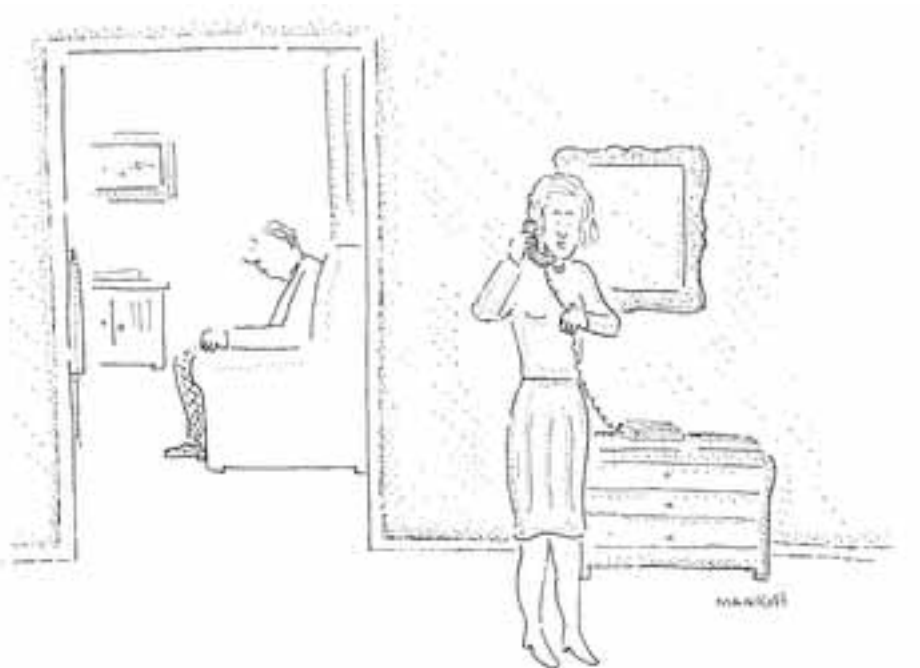


“That old fifteen-minutes-of-fame thing—that’s from the Bible, isn’t it?”



"I see you've managed to hold on to yesterday's gains."





"We'd love to come, but the weathermongers have paralyzed us with fear."



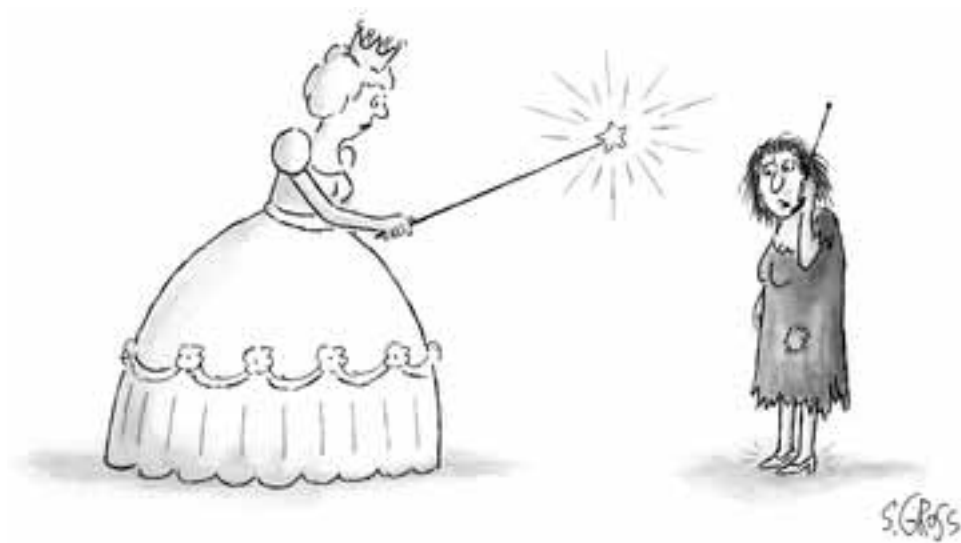
"We're from Manhattan."



"I'm running away to join the Cirque du Soleil."



“Dear President . . .”



"I'll call you back. I'm in the middle of a make-over."



"Great design, but, when the time comes, a bitch to implode."



"I love a man with an untrimmed crust."



"I'm not eating. I'm self-medicating."



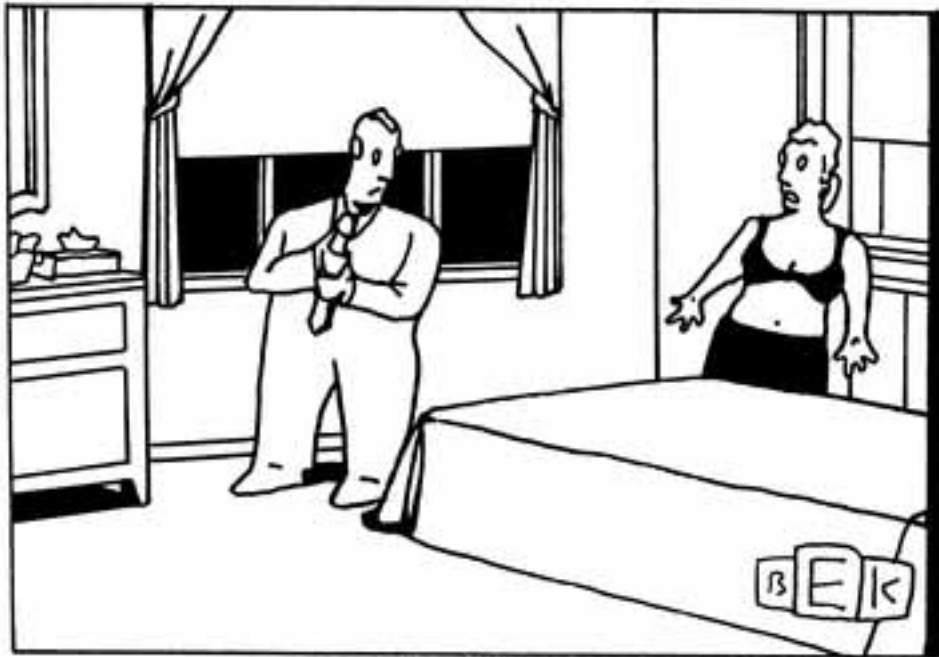
*“Please point out when we’re passing
a graveyard so that I can start whistling.”*



*“Take a load off, Leonard—we’re watching
Generations X and Y duke it out.”*



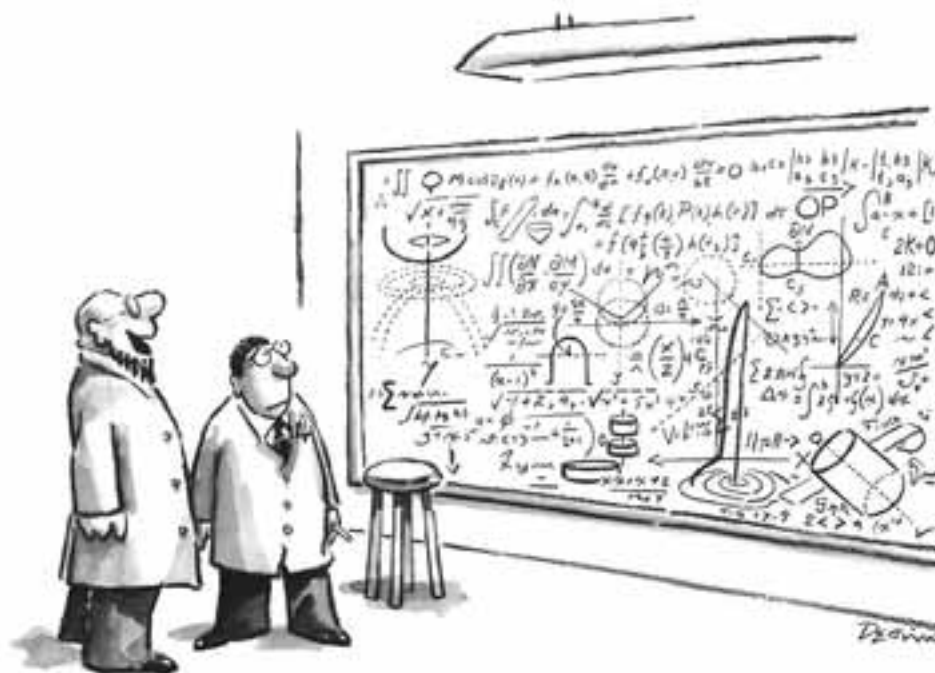
“Wow! From down here your nostrils look huge!”



"Does my body make me look fat?"



"No offense, but I'm trying to attract a younger audience."



"Hey, no problem!"



“Special Agent Vickers and I have a few questions for you, Ericson.”

THE ANGINA MONOLOGUES





"They're not just my eggs. They're your eggs, too."

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF TOAST







"My whole goddam MacArthur is in Nasdaq."



"Sometimes the future is bright, sometimes it's dark—it's all cyclical."



“Give it to me straight, Doc. How long do I have to ignore your advice?”



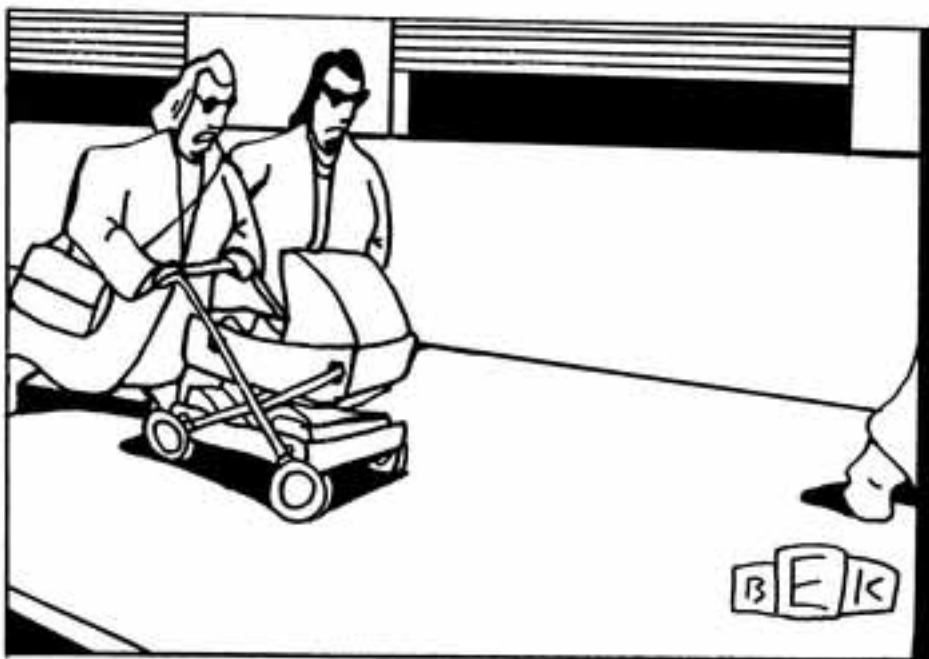
"Whoops! I didn't mean to interrupt anything."



"Water, Al—six to eight glasses."



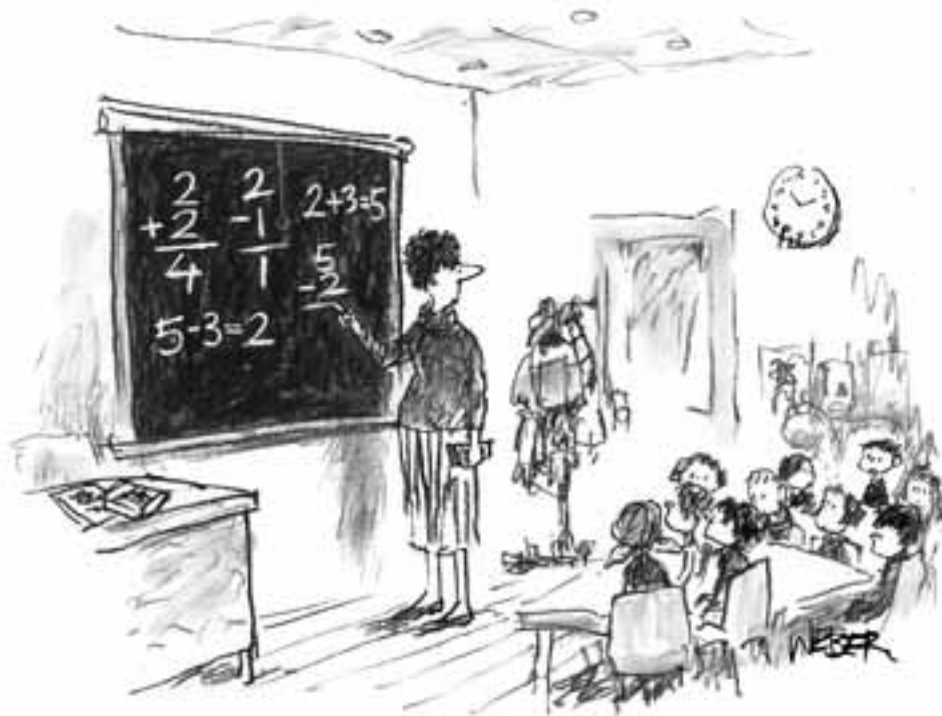
*“Serving three sentences concurrently
gives one a real sense of accomplishment.”*



"He was conceived in a fit of irony."



*"From the violent nature of the multiple stab wounds,
I'd say the victim was probably a consultant."*



"Please, Ms. Sweeney, may I ask where you're going with all this?"



"First, I'd like to thank everyone who believed in me."



"He's loyal and affectionate, and his Martinis are always ten to one."



"The sharp quills protect me from creditors."



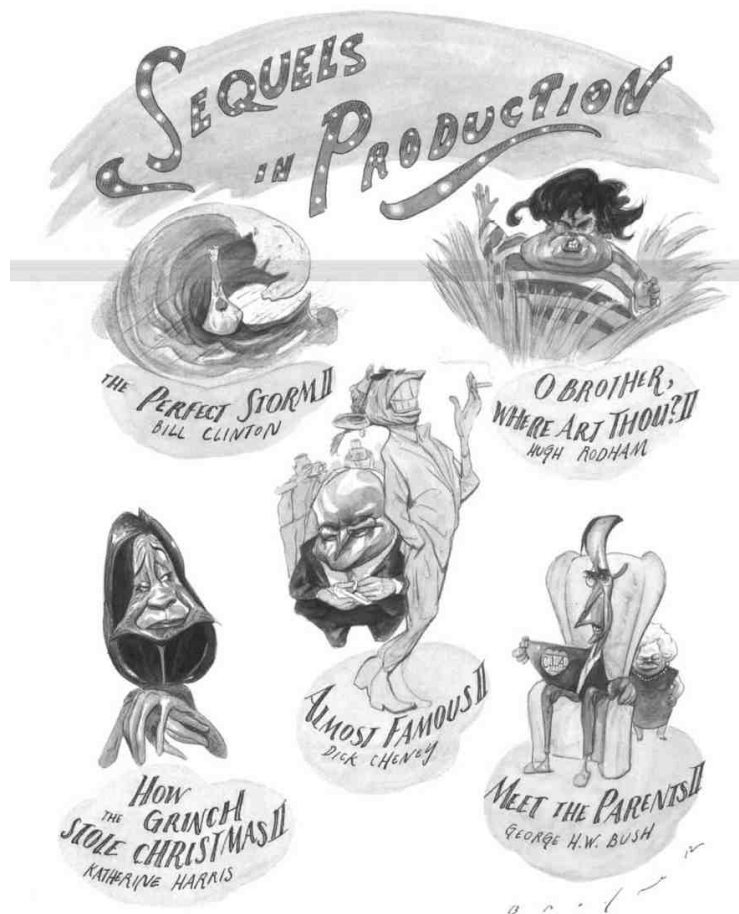
"How's your old lady?"







"Surely it can't be twenty-five years already!"





*“When you say campaign-finance reform,
is that with or without an asterisk?”*





"Come pick me up. This is going nowhere."



"I shouldn't, but I'm going to have the garbage."



"It's the new black."



"I've noticed that our tax system tends to favor bigger, meaner citizens."



THE FIRST JACKASS OF SPRING



*“Great! O.K., this time I want you to sound taller,
and let me hear a little more hair.”*



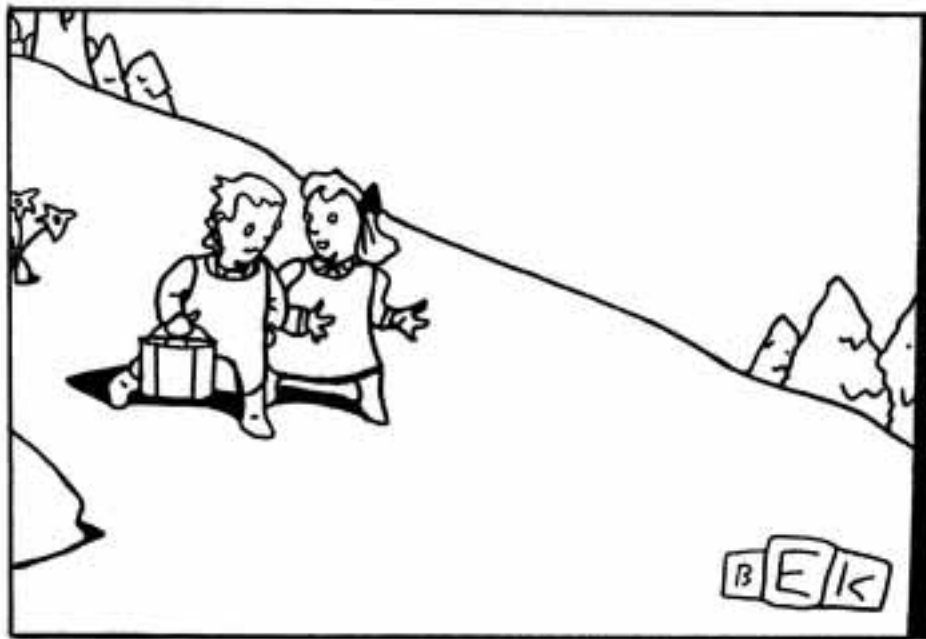
“Relax. You’re a famous author—no one expects you to talk about anything other than yourself.”



"Those aren't buzzards, are they?"



"Let's wait for it to come out on cable and then not watch it."



"Jack, when we get down the hill, let's put the pail up for auction."



"What we didn't have but obviously needed was an alarmist."



*"I was on hormone replacement for two years before I realized
that what I really needed was Steve replacement."*



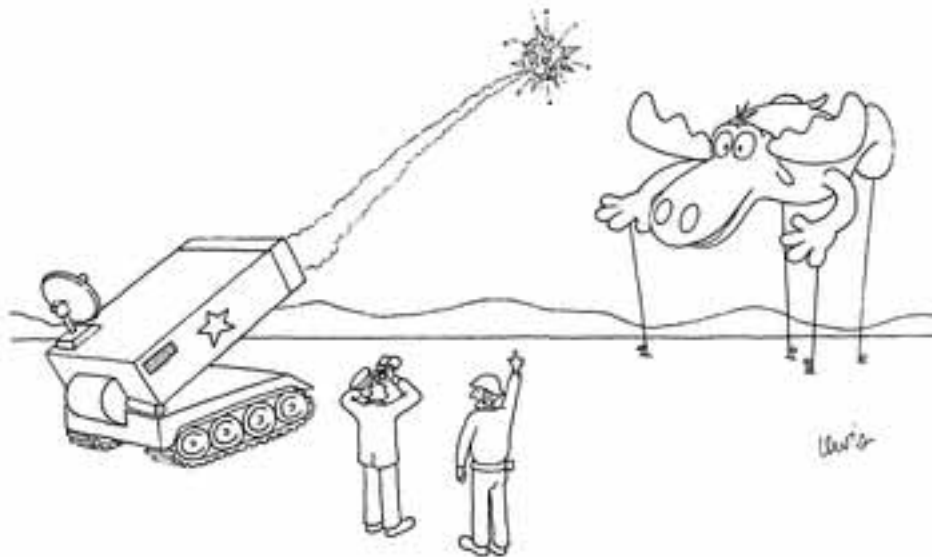
“Well! I’m already pre-disapproved for a credit card.”







"It keeps it out of sight when we're not watching it."



*“Congratulations, General. The anti-missile system
wasn’t fooled by the decoy balloon.”*

SURROUND SOUND





“He’s illuminating something called ‘The Book of Billable Hours.’”



"It's as beautiful as the poster, except, of course, no more cows."



“Seventy-seven. How about yours?”



"I don't have my homework, Miss Flynn—my parents forgot to do it."



"Did you remember to whack the cat?"



“Hang in there, Dave—time heals all haircuts.”



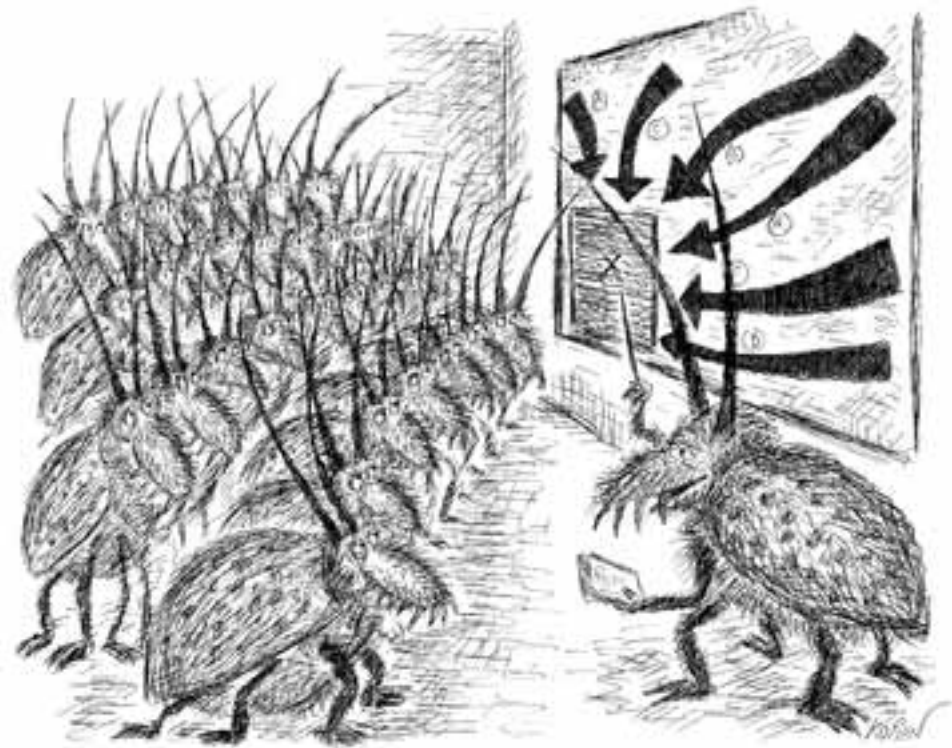
*“As a company, and as individuals, we are
without irony. Will that bother you?”*



“Would it be possible to speak with the personality that pays the bills?”



"Gimme a hand—I'm stuck."



“Today’s objective is the genetically modified corn in this quadrant.”





*“Researchers say I’m not happier for being richer, but
do you know how much researchers make?”*



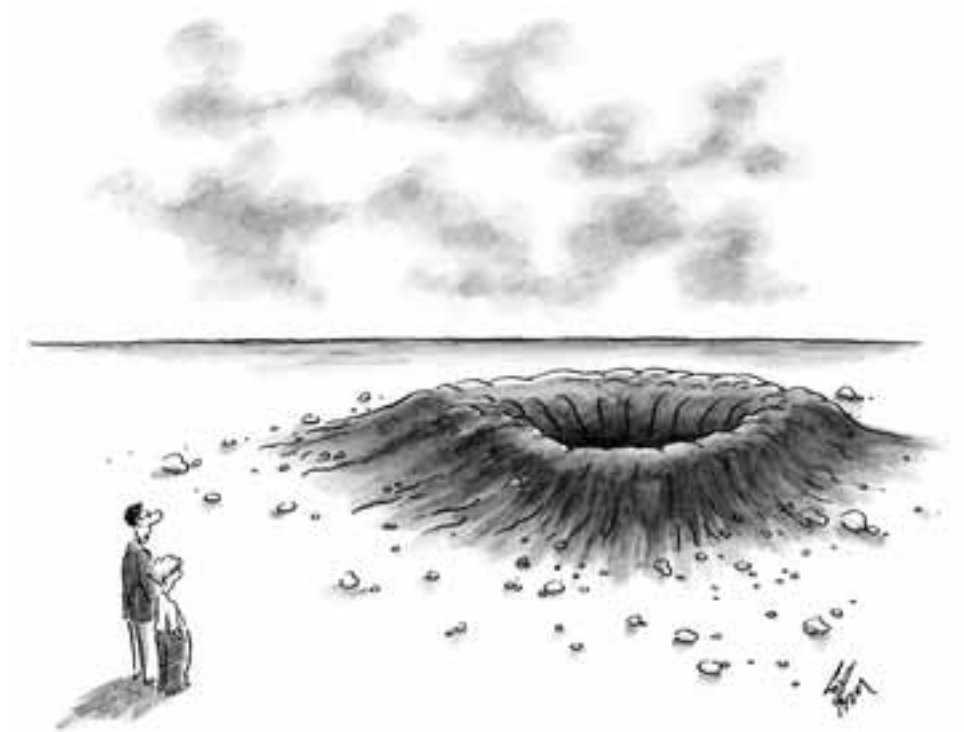
*"We'd like you to take early retirement, retroactive
to the day you started working here."*



"Tracy could be a good little poet someday if she'd lose some weight."



*"'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves Did gyre and gimble in
the wabe; All mimsy were the borogoves, And the mome raths
outgrabe fifty basis points."*

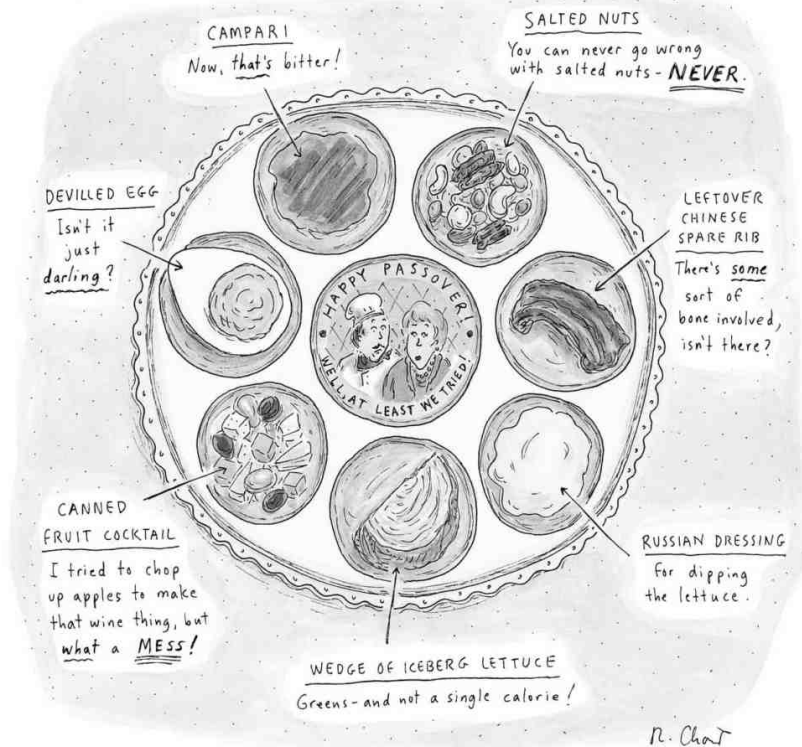


"This is where your mother and I had our first argument."



"Mr. Vandenburg will see right through you now."

THE SEDER PLATE AT YE OLDE YANKEE INNE





“Now that the playground’s thawed, let’s welcome back Mary Redmond, Sarah Turpin, and Hector D’Amico.”



"And may the Lord in his wisdom see to it that we get our hands on some of that government scratch."



“God, I feel like such a tourist.”



"That's not what you told my screener you wanted to talk about."





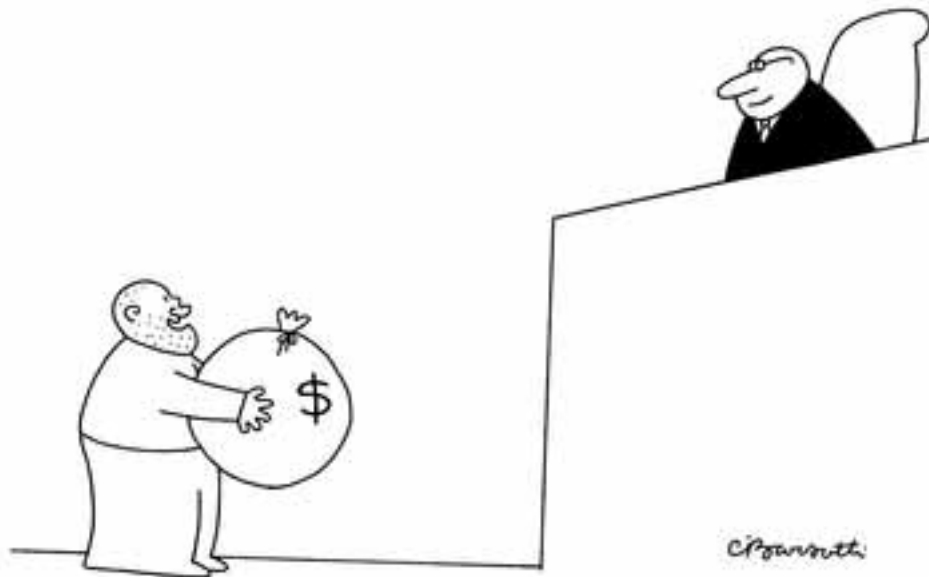
*“Not too bad, except that my heart aches, and
a drowsy numbness pains my sense, as though of
hemlock I had drunk. And you? Are you OK?”*



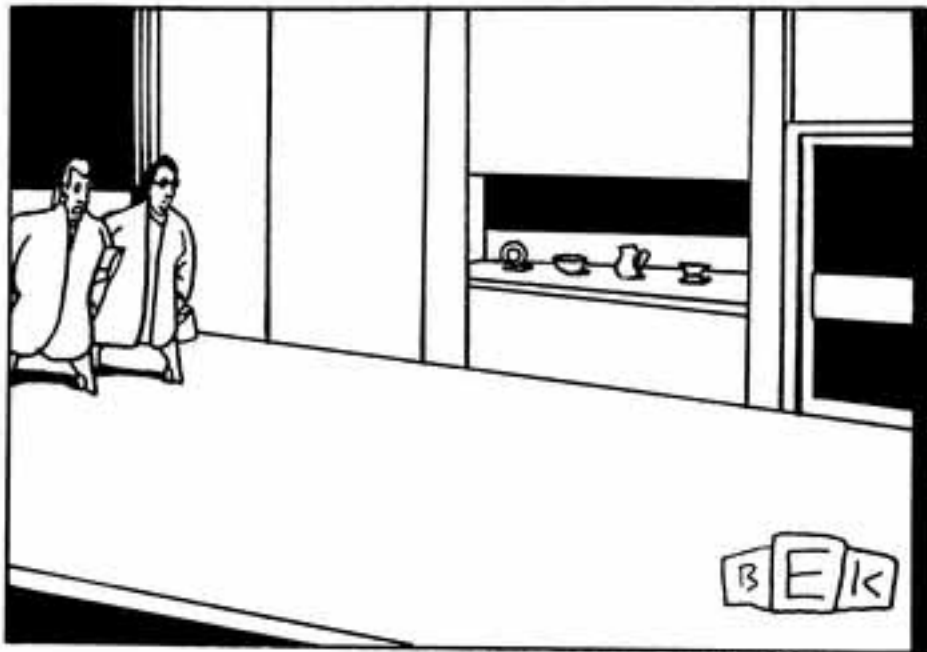
"Stanley, we need to talk, so please don't interrupt."



*“What’s this they say, Billy, about a new,
more virulent strain of teen-ager?”*



"Then I thought, Why should I spend it all on fancy lawyers?"



*"I just don't want to turn into one of those women who
never shut up about the Duchess of Windsor."*



"It started out as a food fight, but then it got totally out of hand."



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW





*"We don't use the word 'crazy' in this office, Mr. Channing.
Everywhere else, sure, but not here."*



"Do you mind if I chase a few practice balls first?"



"She's too old for her hair."



"I feel so good today I could almost turn down a tax cut."



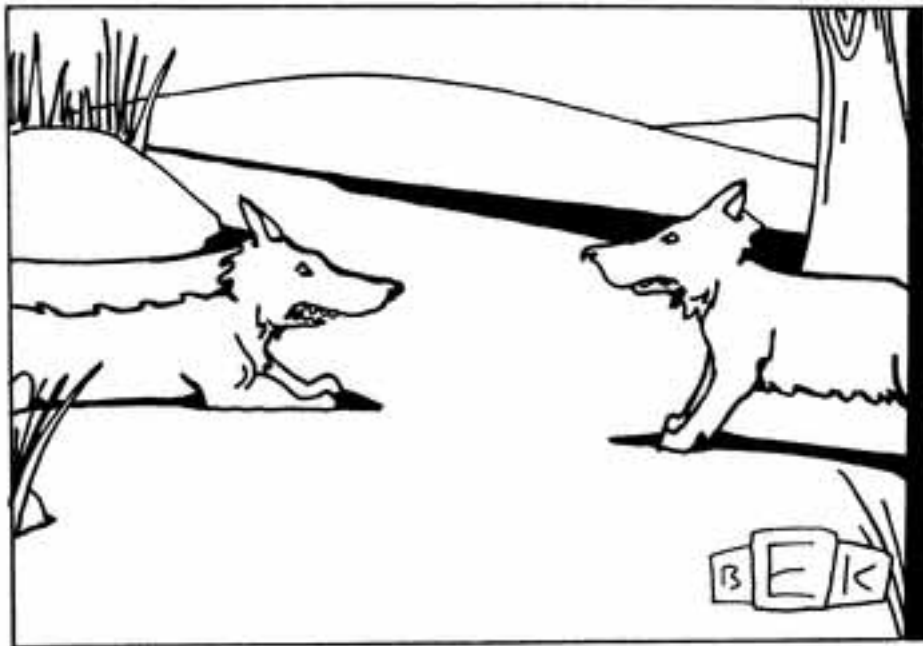
"You weren't so much a love child as a spite child."



“You call that high, Mr. Raskin?”



"Forgive the mess. Warren just put everything into cash."



"I don't think good huffing and puffing can be taught."



*"I'd rather have had dot-com money and lost it than
never to have been insanely wealthy at all."*





“Dr. Horton and I have discovered something we don’t like. Our hope is that you, on the other hand, will grow to like it.”



“Unfortunately, my holding on to tech stocks was faith-based.”



"We could move to Brooklyn, or we could live in a tent."



"I think I might be guilty of a self-hate crime."



"The dog paid me."





"I see your consumer confidence remains undeterred."



"I hereby sentence you to the Vermeer show on a Saturday afternoon."



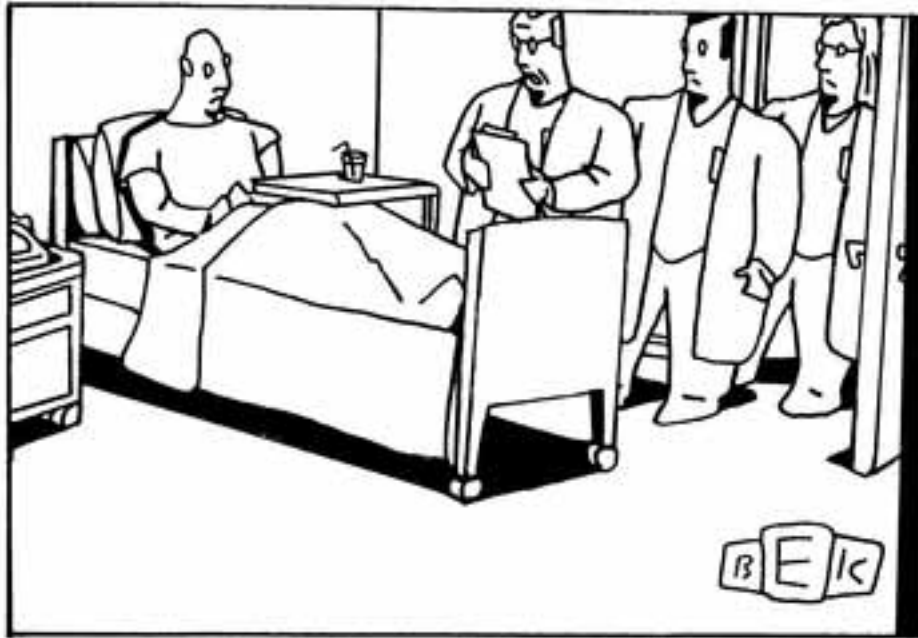
“Look, children are just pathetic substitutes for people who can’t have pets.”



"I got out of tulips after the market collapsed, but I'm slowly getting back in. Especially pink ones."



“Look at it this way—this is the first day of the rest of your money.”



*"We did find a creative bone in your body, but,
unfortunately, it was very untalented."*



“One day I just reached deep down inside myself and there he was.”





"Shall we go talk with those au pairs?"



*“You have the right to a glazed doughnut and a cup of coffee.
If you can’t afford a glazed doughnut and a cup of coffee, a glazed
doughnut and cup of coffee will be provided for you.”*



"They were bred originally to be hors d'œuvres."



"Maybe it's not a wrong answer—maybe it's just a different answer."



“While I’m up, can I get you anything from the imagination department?”



*"He's hit, and he's hurt.
Now we'll follow his audit trail and finish him off."*



“In a front-end collision, the horse will absorb most of the impact.”



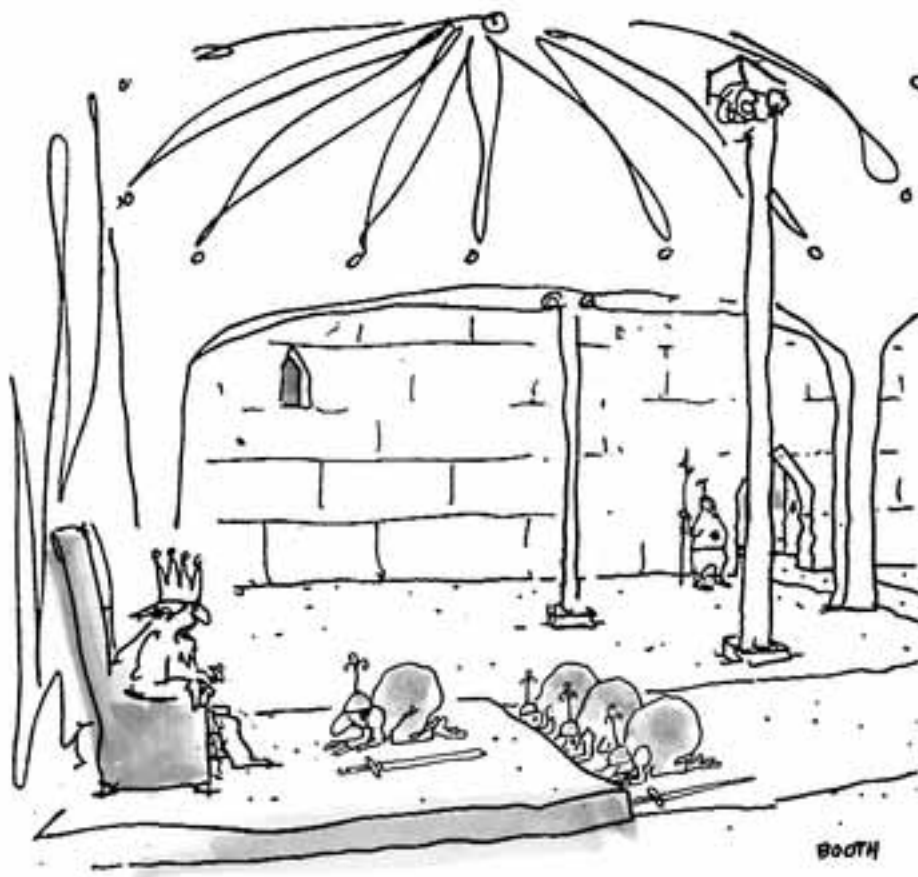


“My client doesn’t have to answer that.”





“And now let’s welcome, for the first and last time . . .”



"Start the economy."



"Dickie Wilson attacked my values."





"There are two ways we can go here—bark or bite."



"The sun rises on the Upper East Side and sets on the Upper West Side."





"You can't talk to him like that, Herman! He makes your salary every time he trots lethargically to right field."



*"Do you guys know how lucky you are to have
a big house that's not too big?"*



“What rhymes with ‘failed marriage’?”



"We're tired of playing. We want to work."

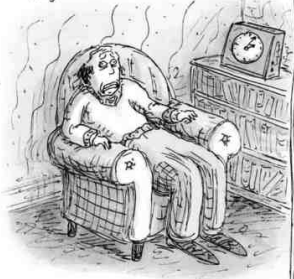


"I'll wait a moment for everyone's energy drink to kick in."

LULLABIES ~~FOR~~ PARENTS

Hush, Little Parent

Hush, little parent, don't say a thing.
Any minute now, the phone will ring.
It's your son who took the car
And drove it to a biker bar.
He's so drunk he can't see straight,
He needs a ride, please don't be late.
So hush, little parent, don't say a thing.
Any minute now, the phone will ring.



Rock-a-Bye Mommy

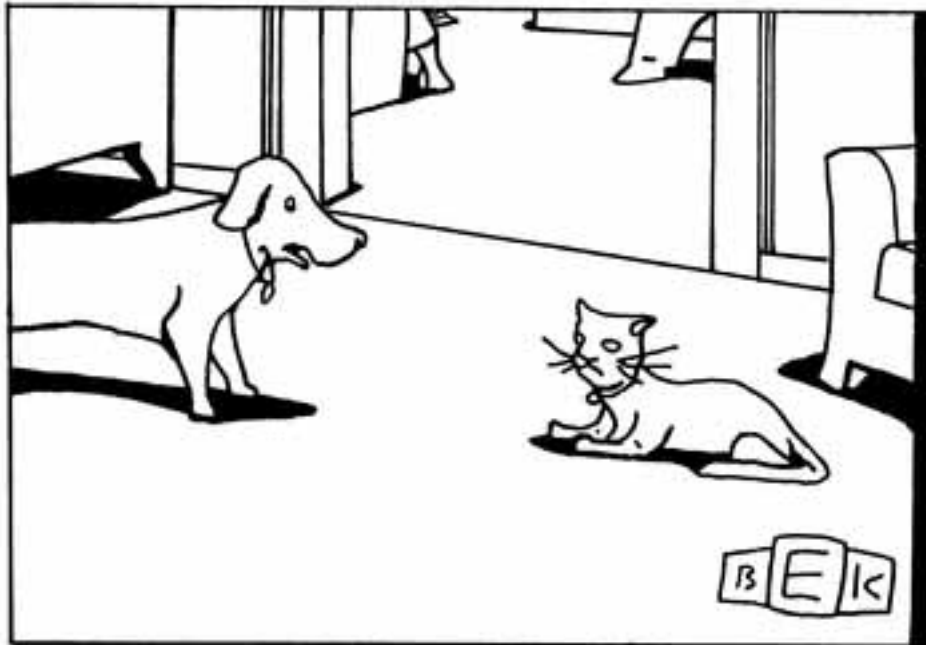
Rock-a-bye Mommy, lying in bed,
Doomsday scenarios run through your head.
Your daughter's sixteen, she's really a bomb,
Though she's at a party, try to stay calm.



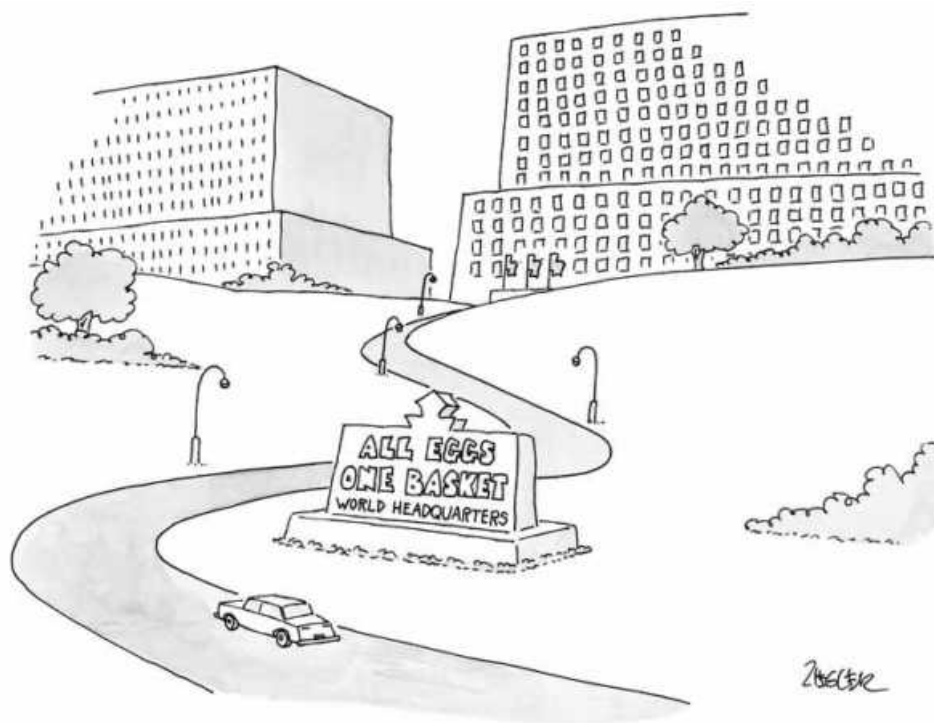
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Dad

Twinkle, twinkle, little Dad,
Your kids have more than you ever had.
Clothes, computers, DVDs—
So why'd they blow their SAT's?
Twinkle, twinkle, little Dad,
It's not your fault, so don't be sad.





"I'm trying to position myself as loyal."





"Your card is overwrought."



“Is it always so cloudy?”



"This little piggy got totally screwed by the market."



*"Just a heads up, Jack—I've invited the Navy
to use my back yard for bombing practice."*



"I'm running away to join the W.N.B.A."



"Damn, looks like that snotty kid of Ben and Edna's is coming up the tunnel of light!"



“Excellent. Now just the altos.”



“Yes sir, Ira, considering that you share eighty per cent of your genes with the common flatworm, you’ve done all right.”

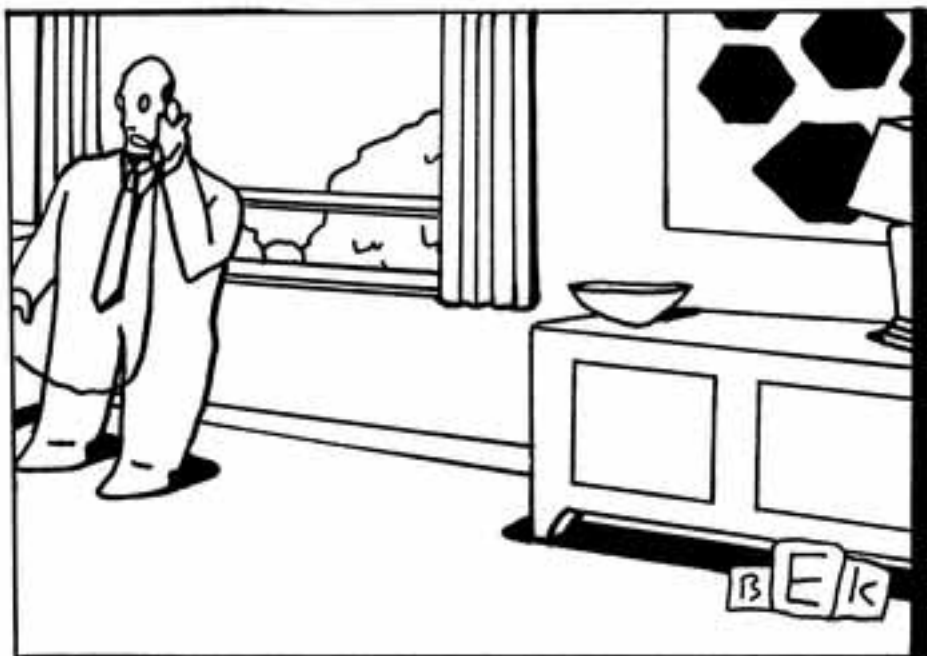


“We’re running a little behind, so I’d like each of you to ask yourself, ‘Am I really that sick, or would I just be wasting the doctor’s valuable time?’ ”





“Do any of you guys need a wife?”



"You'll have to excuse me—I'm myself today."



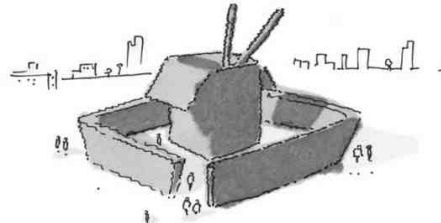
"Did anyone plunder something good to read?"



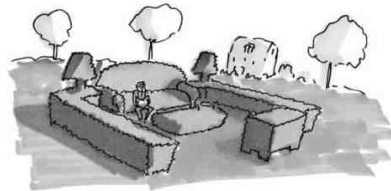
“Well, I’m sure that Alan Greenspan’s mother is very proud.”

TOPIARY

HELPING NATURE LOOK HER BEST



"CHINESE TAKEOUT," BRONX, NEW YORK



"DEN HEDGE," LOOMIS, NEBRASKA



"JAILHOUSE ROCK MOTEL," PERTH, ONTARIO



"I write astronaut banter for NASA."

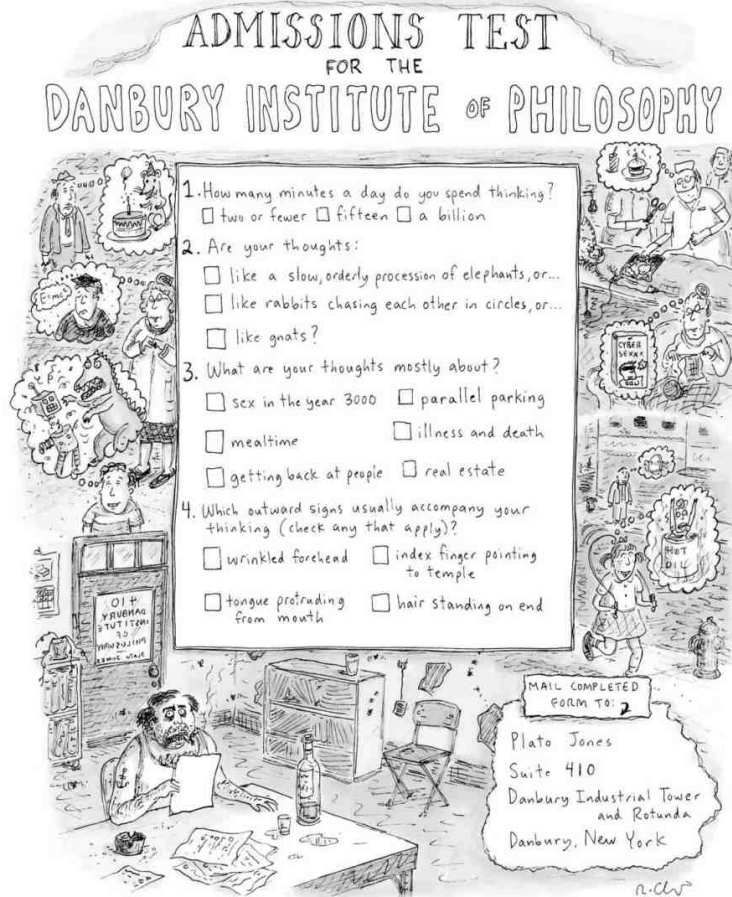


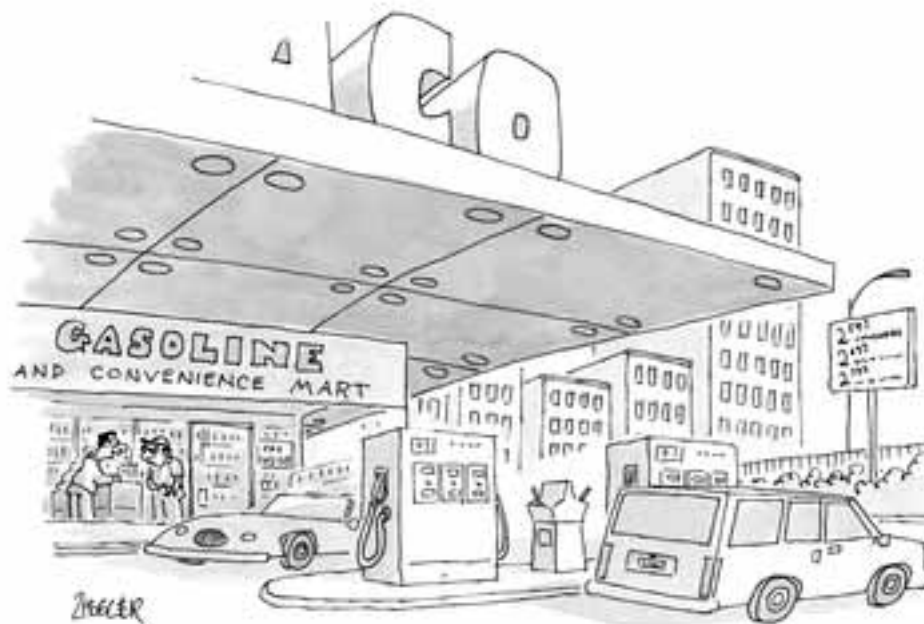
"I hear his allowance is in the two figures."



*“Are you uncomfortable discussing this because I’m
a man or because I’m your husband?”*



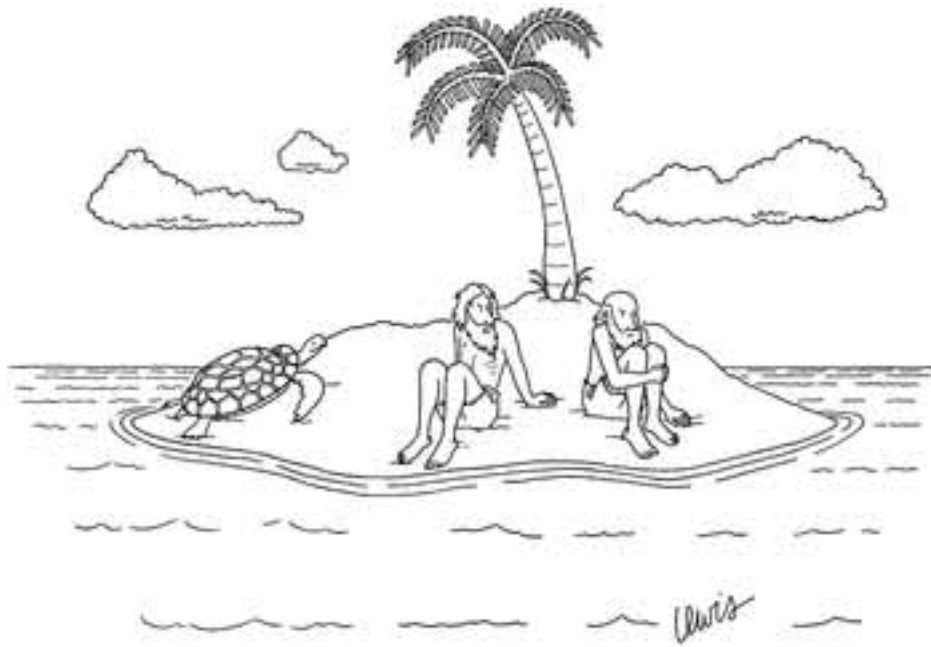




*"The good news is that a delicious stick of jerky is still
a very affordable seventy-five cents."*



"I know about bread and circuses, but what the hell is T-ball?"



"I'm dating a turtle, Hank. If you've got a better cry for help, I'm all ears."



"We're getting more vulgar with age, something I had not foreseen."



"It's time to stop blaming everything on the Tartars, Mr. Ragnar."



"Don't get your hopes up, Buster."



“The cat’s away—what would you like to hear?”



"I thought it was pretty good, for a book."

[illegible]

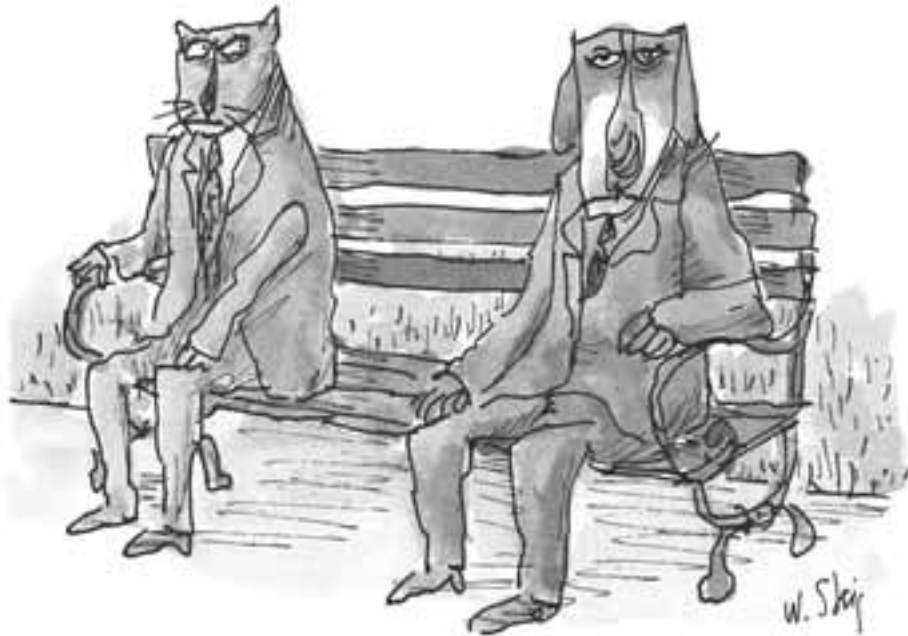
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*"Sometimes I wonder if there's more to life than
unlocking the mysteries of the universe."*



"Summer's coming. How does pre-med camp sound?"





*"If he doesn't go nuts first, he'll be the first person
to ever write a novel on a cell phone."*



"I always have chicken so I can study the entrails."







"How much time do I have, Doc?"



“O.K., if you can’t see your way to giving me a pay raise, how about giving Parkerson a pay cut?”



“Just remember, it’s O.K. to be guilty, but it’s not O.K. to feel guilty.”

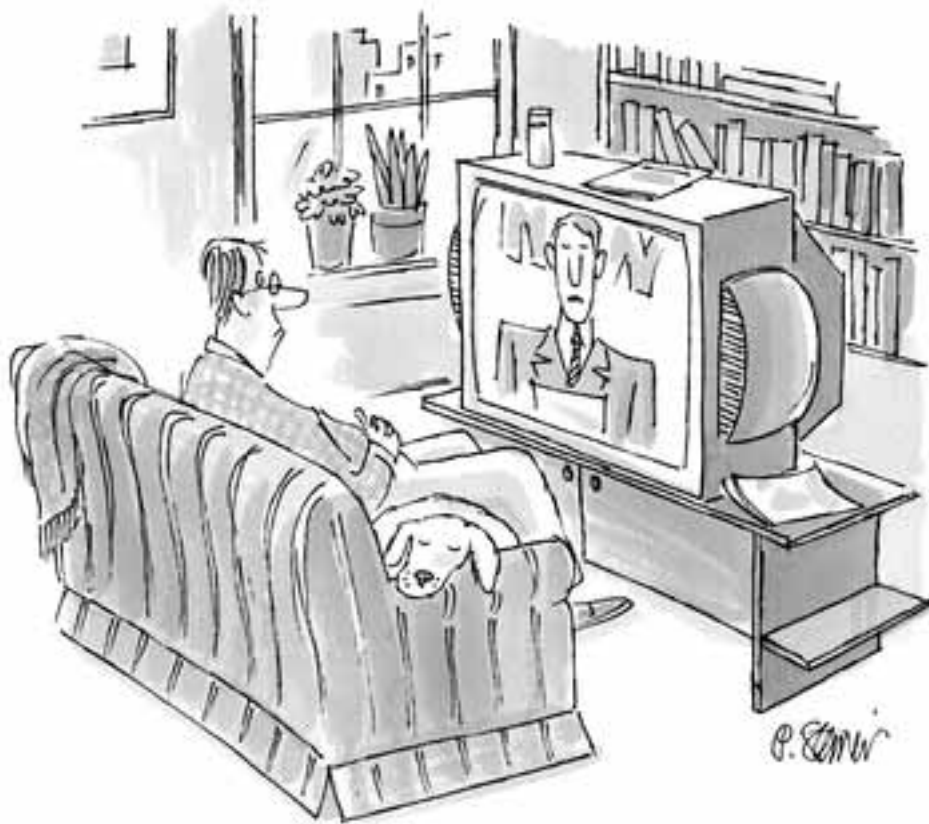


"More aphorisms, please!"





“Smart stuff, Chip, but wise up and dumb it down.”



“China now says it will withdraw its opposition to the missile-defense shield if the F.B.I. builds it.”



"Hey, I'm just happy to be making an obscene amount of money."



"I'd invite you in, but I have a white couch."



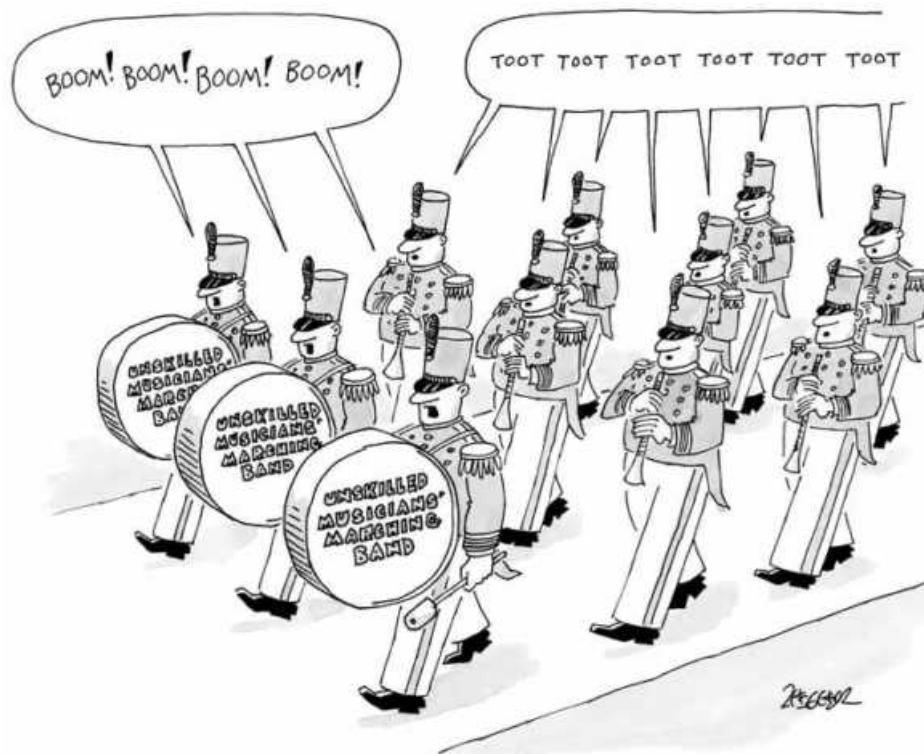
"You have the right to one hands-free phone call."



"Let's see if we can't scatter the trash all over his desktop."



*“Look, Mom! A broadband digital subscriber line
followed me home. Can we keep it?”*





"To what do I owe this honor?"



*"Hi. My name is Barry, and I check my E-mail
two to three hundred times a day."*



“Please forgive us for being so late—we had parking issues.”



“First of all, Harrington, let me tell you how much we all admire your determination not to choose between job and family.”

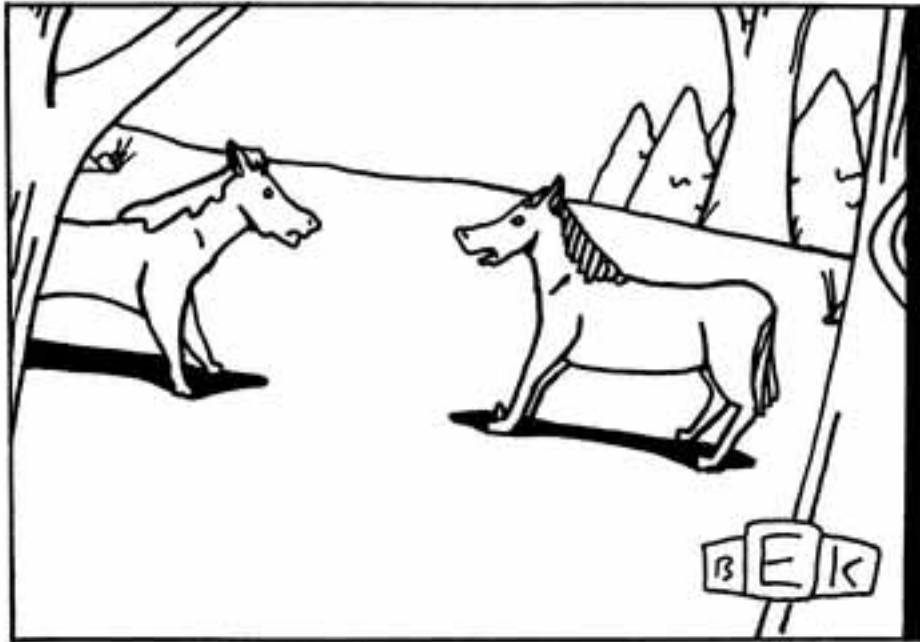




"I am folding my AAA map and I'm shutting my mouth!"

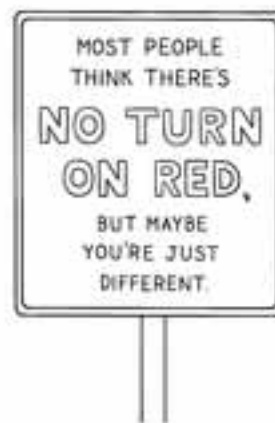
POET IN HIDING





"I don't know if I'm untamed or if I just have a fear of being ridden."

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE STREET SIGNS



GREGORY



*"I don't know what the big deal is.
I've been having rolling blackouts for years."*



“The unibrow look, Collins—get used to it!”



"The bailiff—minus the theatrics—will now read the verdict."



*"Maybe the compassionate part will kick in during
the second half of the Administration."*



“What did I tell you about destroying Mommy’s inner balance?”



*“What I’d like to know is what the hell happened
to all the virgins in this town.”*





"A fleshy yet powerful blend, with notes of oak, pepper, coffee, and chocolate."

~ Ed, The Gasoline Spectator

"A fuel of purity and symmetry, revealing a heady aroma of black cherry, licorice, and leather."

~ Gus, Gasoline Enthusiast

"Drivers will enjoy its exotic nose of coconut, plums, and fresh-cut grass."

~ Dwayne, Gas and Oil Connoisseur

R. Chast



*“Let’s not waste missiles on cities not important enough
to have a professional sports franchise.”*



"Surely you can tell me your secret identity."



“And do you, Stephanie, promise to love, honor, and ‘obey’?”



"This time, she went too far."



"I was hoping to settle this without avoiding some sort of argument."



"Enough storyboarding. Let's shoot something."



*"We're not doing anything for Gay Pride this year.
We're here, we're queer, we're used to it."*



"Can you recommend a large-breasted Burgundy with a big behind?"



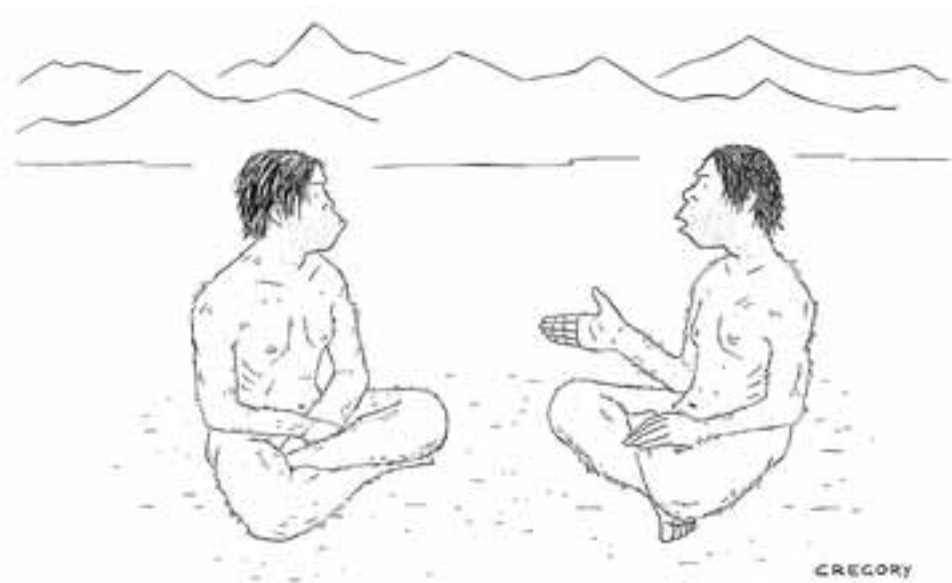
"Go for the one with the camcorder."



"Hey, what if marriages had term limits?"



*"If it pleases the Court, Your Honor, I'd like to
quit the defense and join the prosecution."*



"Personally, I think the world would be a safer place if everybody owned a rock."



"Hey, wanna get kinky and read each other's catalogues?"





"You've let more than your Met membership slip, haven't you, Lorna?"



*“Would you mind elaborating on this section of the resume,
which claims that you’re my love child?”*



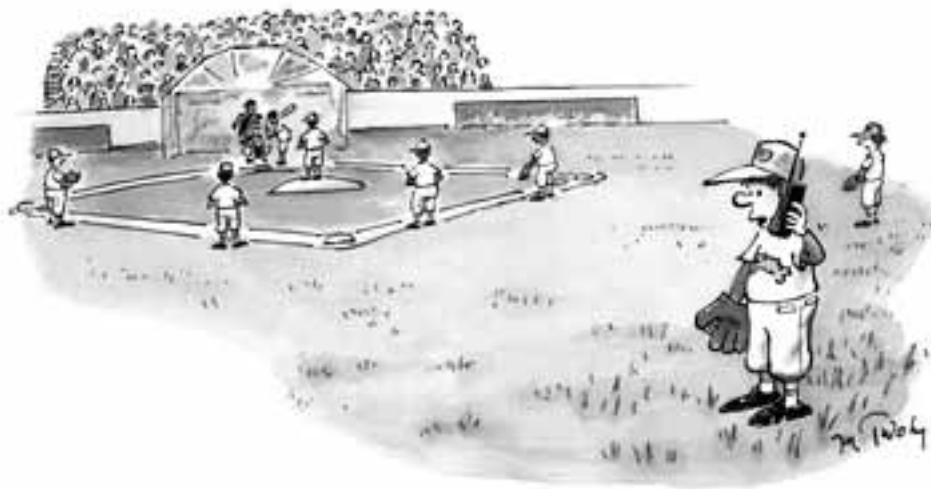
*"But when Mel Brooks makes fun of everything
and everybody the critics cheer!"*



"I want to use our tax savings to buy a pair of boot-cut trousers."



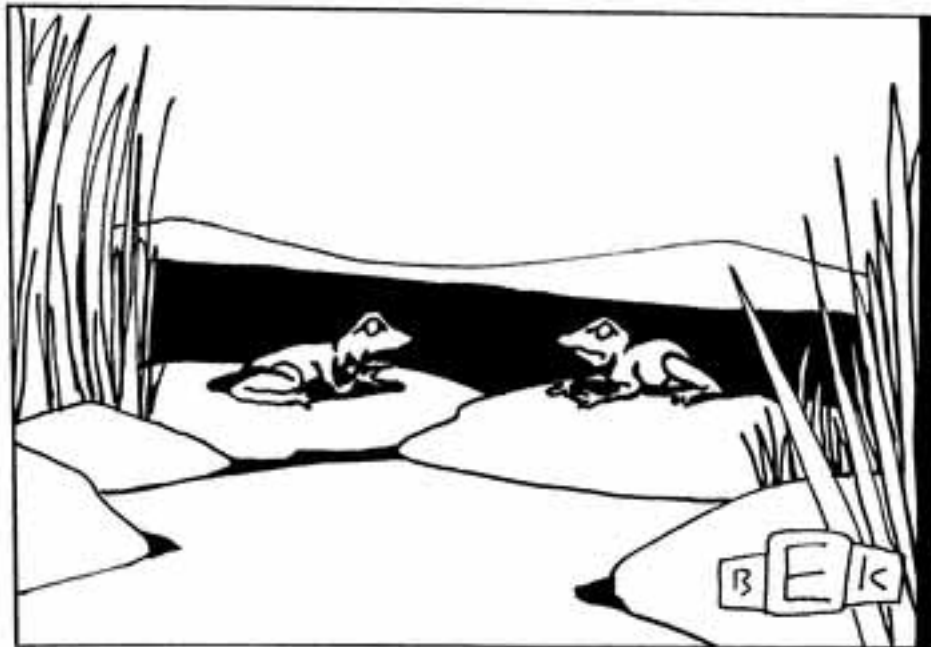
"It's for you."



"I am standing up straight!"



"I want to start dating other zhlibs."



"I miss that sense of fulfillment that I had when I was part of a plague."



"Delphine has been interviewed for, and accepted by, 'Survivor.'"

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (I OF 6)



"Will you be needing name tags?"

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (2 OF 6)



“That G-5 you came in on—do you own or rent?”

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (3 OF 6)



“I love the beauty, the break from family life, and the camaraderie—but what will always make this place for me is the price-fixing.”

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (4 OF 6)



“Tell us again about the time you tricked the Feds into deregulating you.”

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (5 OF 6)



"My secretary is FedExing the Thoreau."

EXECUTIVE RETREAT (6 OF 6)



"What'll you give me for the negatives? I got you showing fear!"



*"Just look at you! How many ex-dictators
can still fit into their dictator suits?"*



“Don’t bring the cares of the barn out into the pasture.”



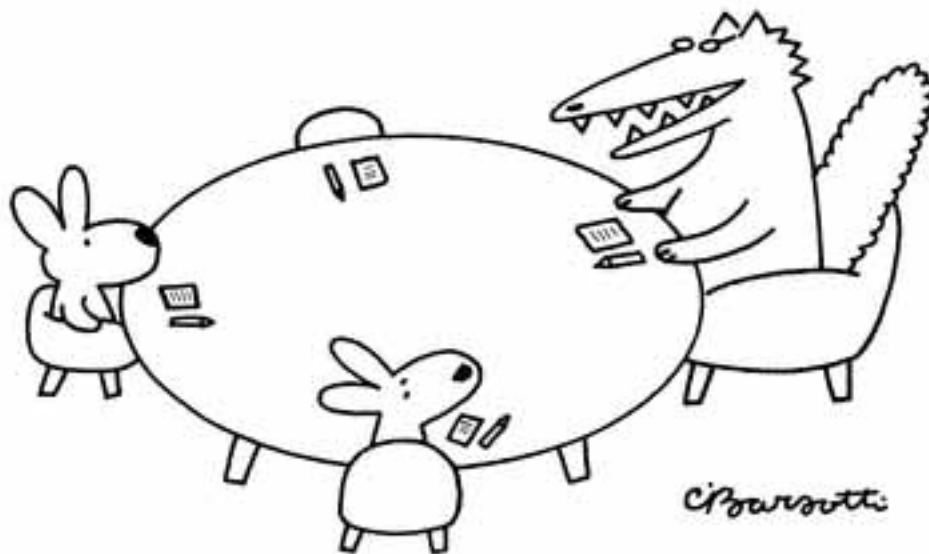
“Honey, let’s lay off the Botox for a while, shall we?”



"He's looking for something for the beach."



*“Y’know, I don’t know what I’d do without her,
but I’d sure like to find out.”*



"Any other objections?"





"Hey, there's Sara, padding her college-entrance résumé."



"The community refused my services."



“You’d save everybody a lot of trouble by eating that last French fry.”



“When I see these guys in their fifteen-hundred-dollar suits and four-hundred-dollar shoes, I think I’m in the wrong business.”



"I can't remember which one of us is me."



"It's impressive, but does it say, 'Welcome to my practice'?"

LOWBROW LOLITA





"I don't have any corporate sponsors. I have a job."



“Let it go, Damien. He’s nobody, and you’re a minor figure.”



"It's from the children. They'd like us to let them in."



*“The majority of voters have disapproved of the way
you handled the former environment.”*



"Do you have any memory of the watering can?"



“The client looks bored, Leventhal—take off your shirt and run around the infield.”



"I can see it going even a little more feline."



*"I can assure you, madam, that our commitment to transparency
will never inhibit our willingness to kick ass."*



"Don't be so hard on yourself. Let me do it."





“Don’t be silly—lots of men share the same briefcase.”





"Let's eat a whole lot of meat until we can't."



"Fabien and I have been dating for two seasons."







*“Dry cleaning, pet store, Salvation Army—I’d be lost
without my stickies on the dash!”*



"Perhaps this will refresh your memory, Mr. Conklin."



"Fun can happen to adults, too."



"Thar's the flag we'll fly atop our pirate ship!"



"Will my office be near an ice machine?"



“Those are attorney bees. They represent the killer bees.”

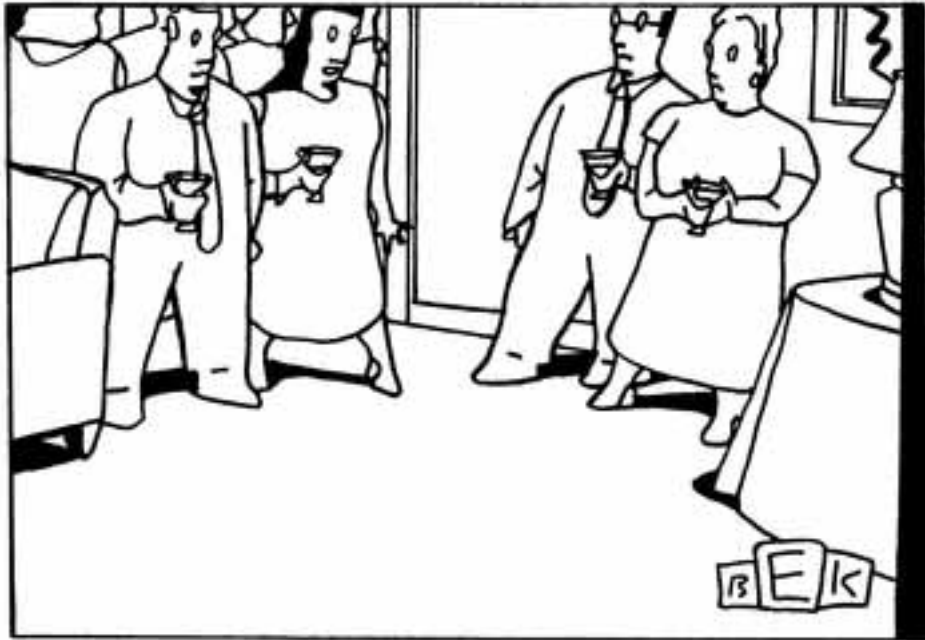


*“Any of you guys noticing a Dick Cheney effect
on your damn vice-presidents?”*



“It’s a new anti-depressant—instead of swallowing it, you throw it at anyone who appears to be having a good time.”





"No matter how bad things are, we manage to keep our sense of spending."



“What I was wondering is, Doctor, can you make me straight during the week and gay on the weekends?”



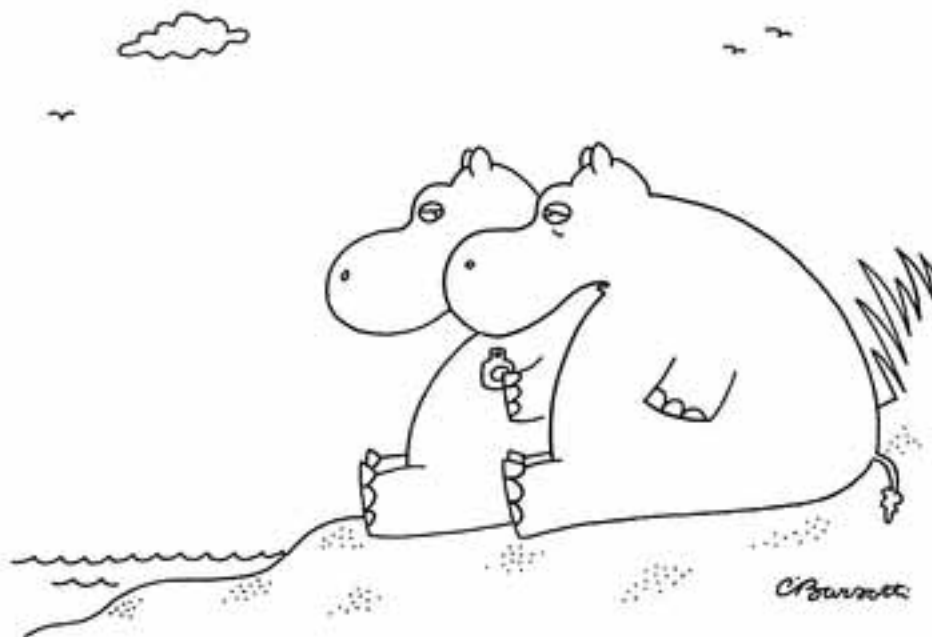
"Lordy, I am such a klutz!"



“The house next door is similar to this one but not quite as grand.”



"I'll be damned—a Bachman's warbler on the President's limo!"



“Geez—you used all the sunscreen?”



*"No, it's either community service or jail time, counsellor.
Attending 'Riverdance' is not a sentencing option."*



“Oh here’s something: ‘Average heterosexual couple with a strong desire to stay home and get to sleep early seeking same.’”



Now I'm calling my lawyer."



“O.K., everybody, let’s eat before the food gets dirty!”



“Instead of ‘It sucks’ you could say, ‘It doesn’t speak to me.’”



"So, Jim, where do you see yourself in ten minutes?"



"Of course, we'd 'This Old House' it."



"I wasn't speaking to you. I was speaking to my imaginary husband."

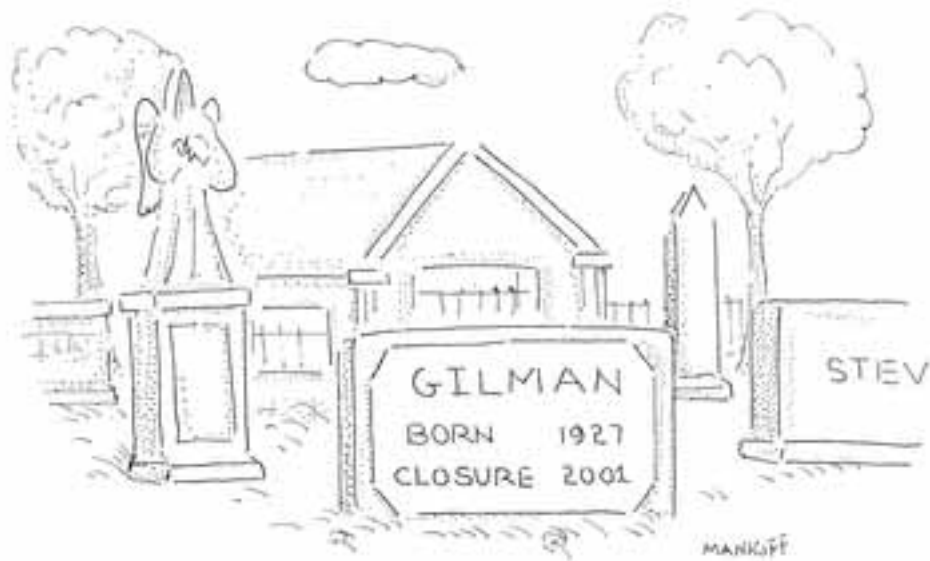


*“Oh, and, incidentally, Whit, I’m afraid there’s room
for only one haircut like this around here.”*



"How can I work with you constantly looking over my shoulder?"



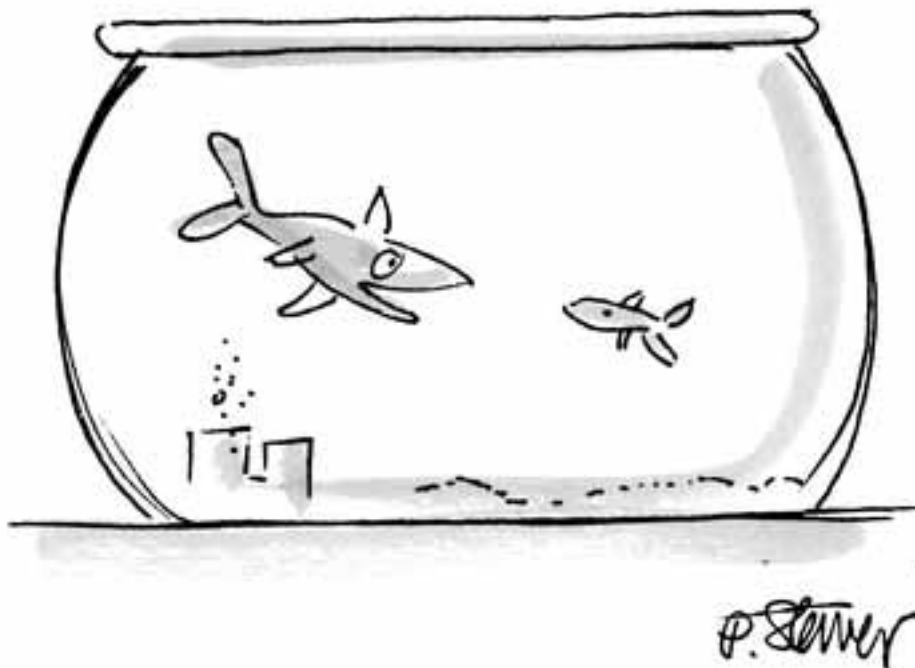




*"I've never been wild about this bar, but it
does get you where you want to go."*



“Through some wacky cosmic gaffe, my fifteen minutes ended up going to Seabiscuit.”



"You can be anything you want to be—no limits."





“But when a woman has someone’s head cut off she’s a bitch.”



“My God, do you realize the year’s half over?”





"I'm pretty sure she's rich—she never has any money."



"My physical therapist says this is the worst possible position you can lie in."



"Welcome to the Cirque du Soleil!"



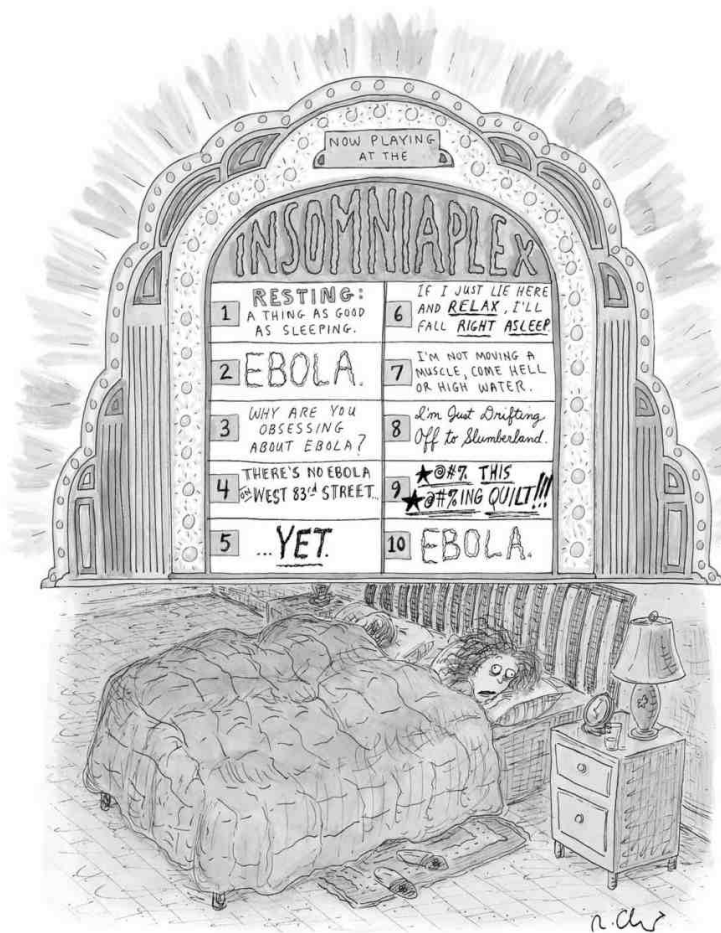
*"I'm going to take you off news weeklies and put you
on a steady diet of shelter magazines."*



*“Buying a tent won’t make you a camper, Arthur.
It will, however, make you a shopper.”*



“Don’t be afraid—it’s just your office.”





"The weird thing is we can't find anyone qualified to replace him."



“That’s the deal for Manhattan. If you have to ask how much for the Hamptons, you can’t afford it.”



"It's full of sand."



“Shall we put it in play?”





“Great PowerPoint, Kevin, but the answer is no.”



*"You always rush out and high-five me when I
homer. How 'bout a hug when I whiff?"*



"Maybe someday we could set aside a cave just for art."



"Now, stop me if I get to jabbering and start a war."



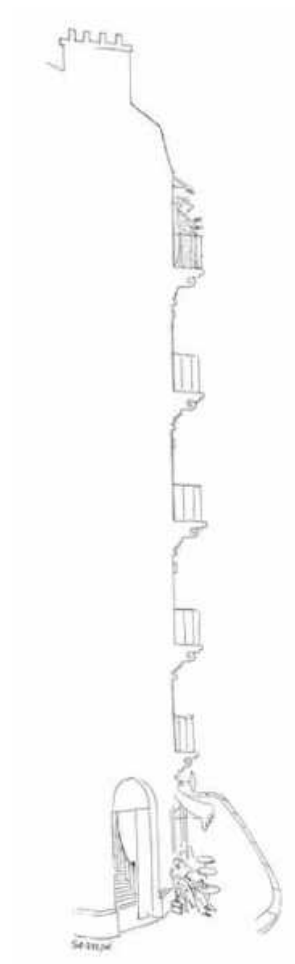
*"I remember you vividly in preschool, when you played
the earth and I starred as the sun."*



*"I have an imaginary friend. He's a real person—
he just isn't really my friend."*



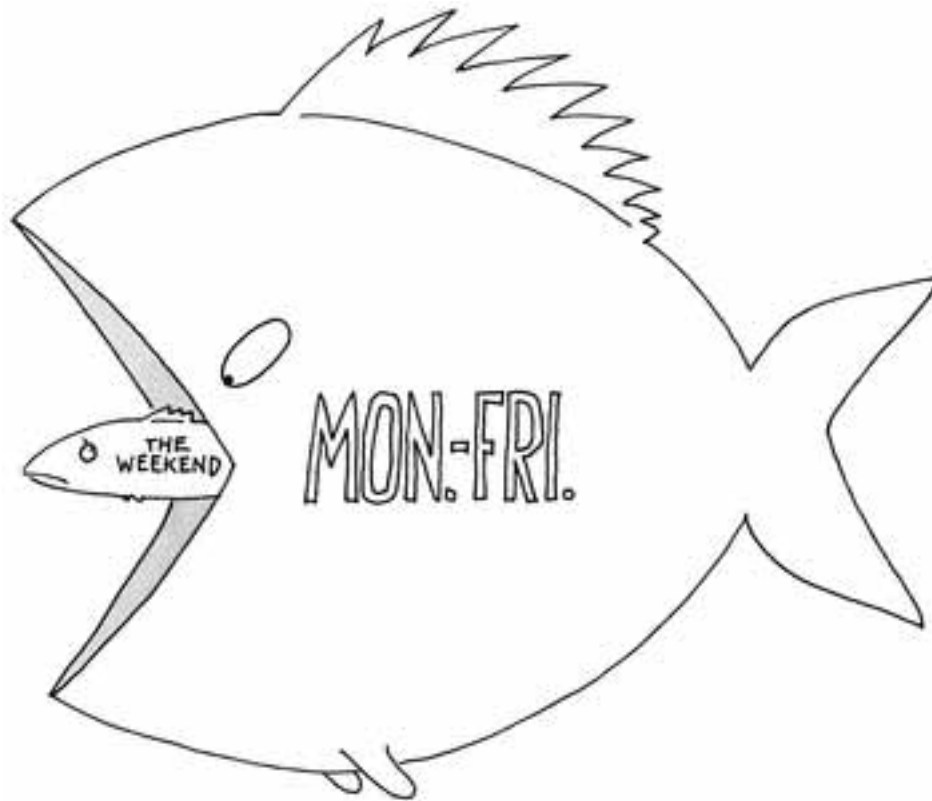
"Frankly, since my wife left me it's more than I can keep up with."





"It appears that you'll definitely outlive your usefulness."







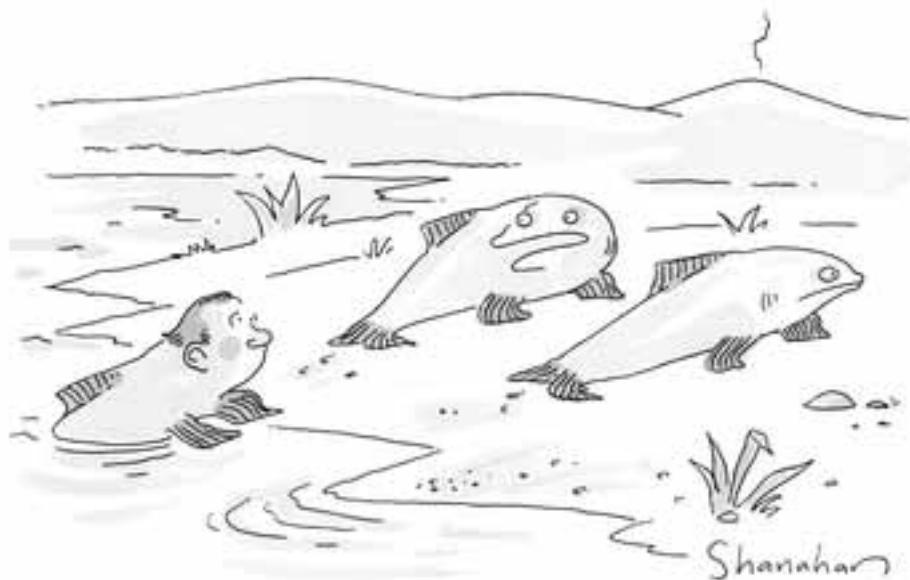
"It's too hot to eat."



"The Lowells sent us a postcard from the South of France—as if we'd give a damn."



"Can I get that to go?"



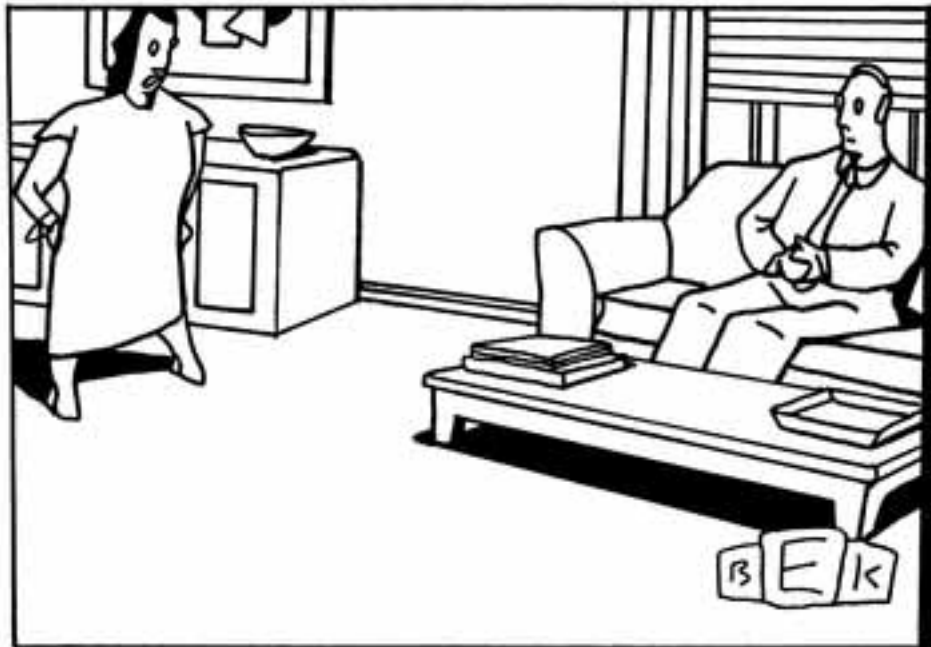
“Trust me—you’re more than ready.”



"I totally agree with you about capitalism, neo-colonialism, and globalization, but you really come down too hard on shopping."



*“Qualifications? Hello! I’ve only spent the last six years
running a huge multinational Ferris wheel.”*



"You know, in some cultures the male does things."



"You want a child, I want a dog. Can't we compromise?"



“Do I detect a Middle Eastern accent?”





“Rouse yourself, Weintraub! The miniskirt is back!”



“Why do I need to go to Europe when Europe is here?”



“Hey! Pay-per-view here, if you and your mother don’t mind!”



“Oh, can’t complain.”



"Used to do that myself. Made out like a bandito."



“What does she do with her life? She’s at every party I go to.”



"Please, could you lose the hindsight, just for today?"

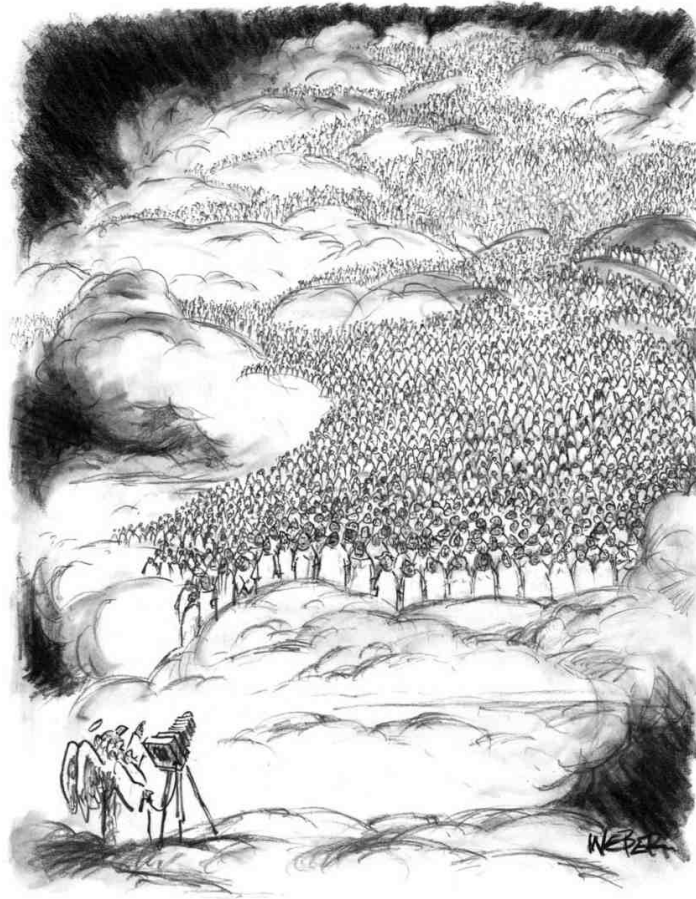
INACUPRESSURE POINTS





*“Just remember, son, it doesn’t matter whether you win or lose—
unless you want Daddy’s love.”*





“Lucy, move—you’re blocking Pliny the Elder.”



"Guess you were right, chief—I just needed to be burped."



“Sweet, but a little too ‘more organic than thou.’”



"This firm has a long history of bringing gravitas to frivolous lawsuits."



"Yep, the same one that's been in the news, but now it comes loaded with legal representation."



“Dad, who runs the country if anything happens to the Vice-President?”



*"So if you're the best man at a gay wedding,
is that like being first runner-up?"*



"Jakey's not a huge fan of the spicier dishes, but we do want him to know what's out there."



“Can everyone clearly fear me?”



“They’ll thank me—you can’t get pigeons like these in Amagansett.”



*"You've made me very happy, Ted,
but now I want to be miserable again."*



"Look, a shooting star—let's critique it!"



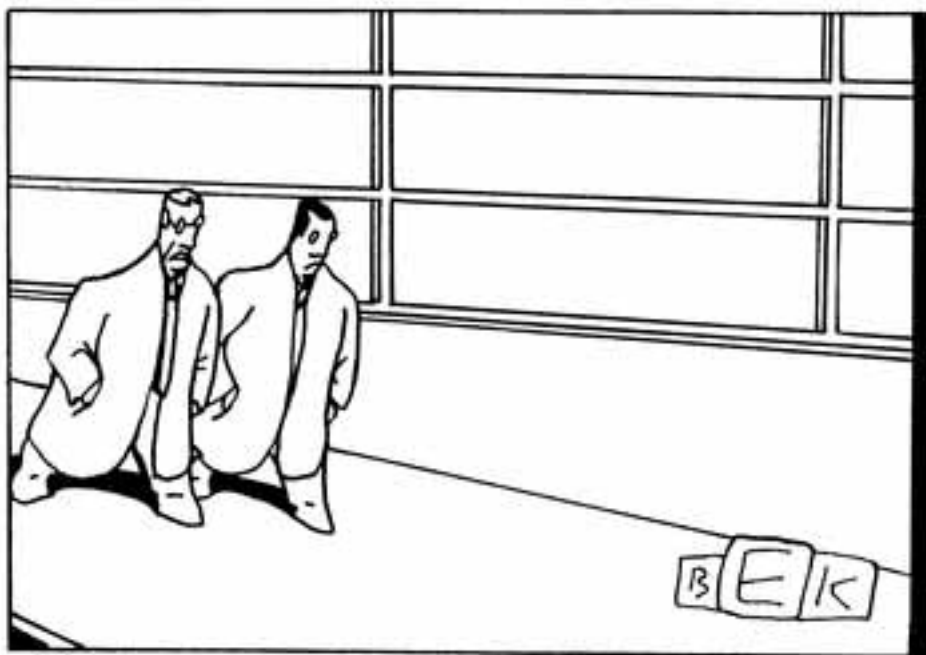
*“Well, now that the kids have grown up and left
I guess I’ll be shoving along, too.”*



“How do you plead? Please listen carefully, as the menu has changed.”



"But his vulnerability is what I like about him."



"I've been at home in a fired capacity."

THE BOOK OF MILLIE





"I can assure you this call is perfectly legal. Timmy's driving."



"Will he know what this is in reference to?"



"Is this the focus group?"



"Fill out this tag and attach it to your big toe."



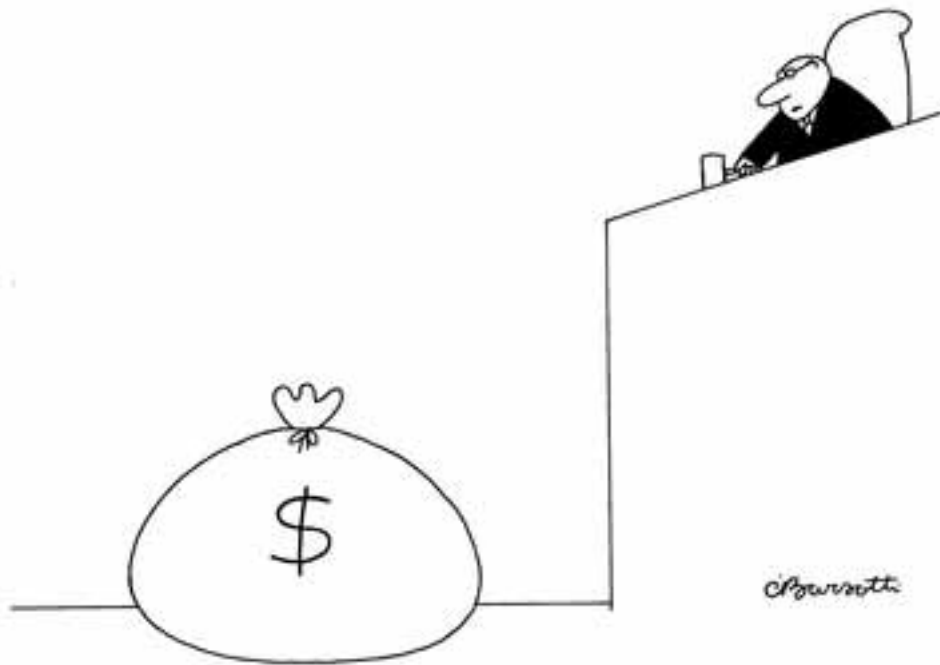
"We hated them long before anyone else."



"If it says to add water, and I'm the one who adds it, I'm cooking."



"Meet Carla, honey—our new roommate."



"Not guilty."





*"Look, I've got nothing against globalization,
just as long as it's not in my back yard."*



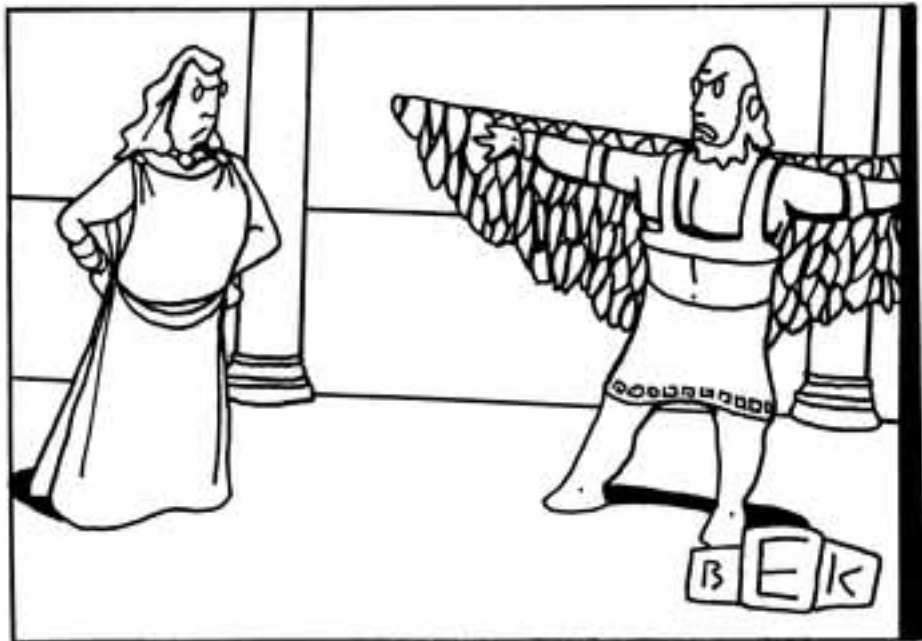
*"I think the dosage needs adjusting. I'm not nearly
as happy as the people in the ads."*



"You're old enough to learn how to work a party."



“Whoa! Move over, Thoreau.”



“Why do you automatically assume that I’ll fly too close to the sun?”



"Just for the record, I knew you were naked before I ate the apple."



"He's on a timer."



“How come I never see any tired and cranky Europeans?”



"The cook, sire—for some reason you have his pepper mill."



“If I were you at this point, I think I would hate myself, too.”



"Good point, Remson. You couldn't be more right if you were me."



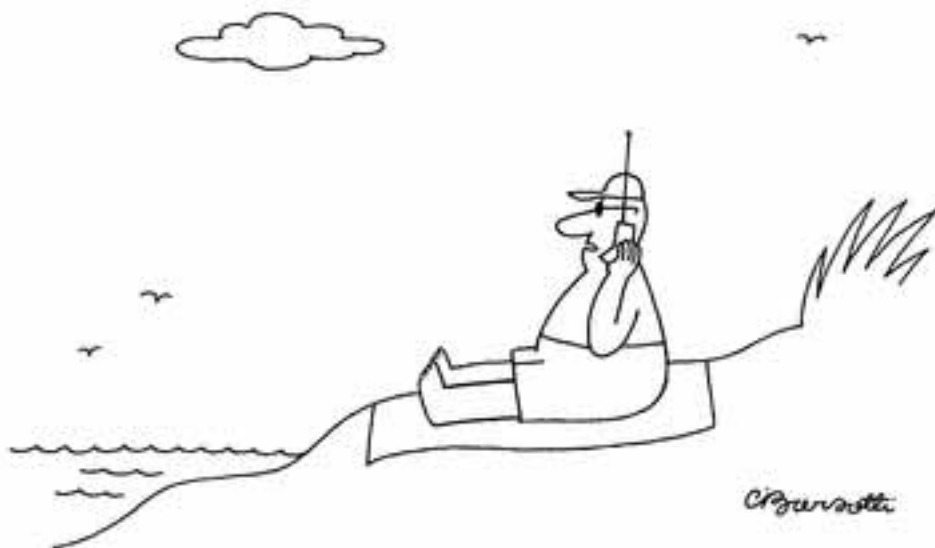
*"If it's the reedy, gurgling 'cut-cut-turrrrr' of the
long-billed marsh wren, I'm not here."*



"His snoring is just loud enough to mask my tinnitus."

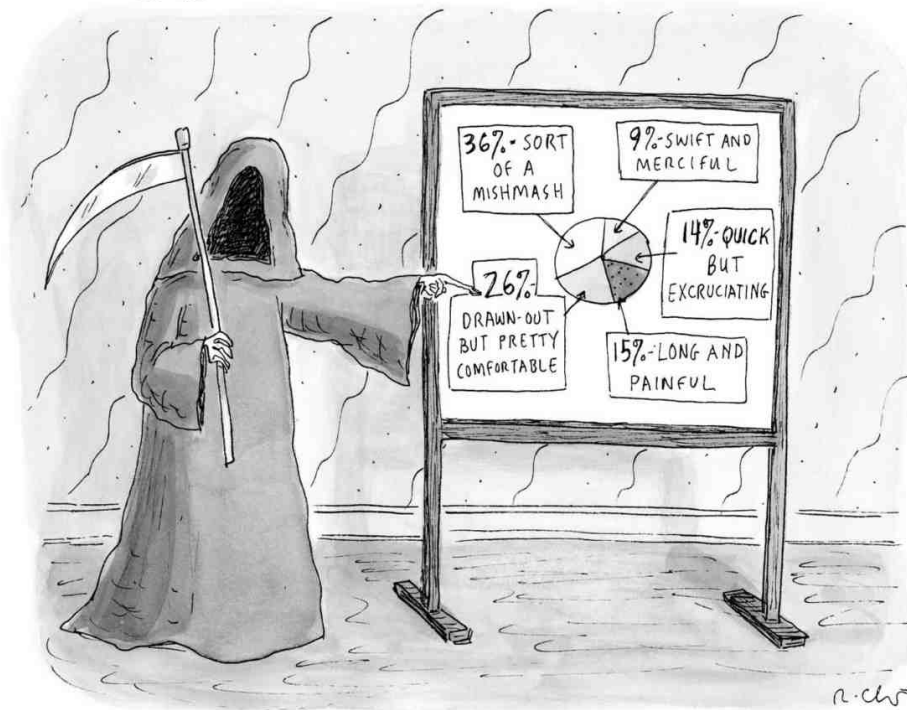


*"On the plus side, I have much more free time now
that I'm not always defending Clinton."*



"You can speak freely—this is a private beach."

A LOOK AHEAD

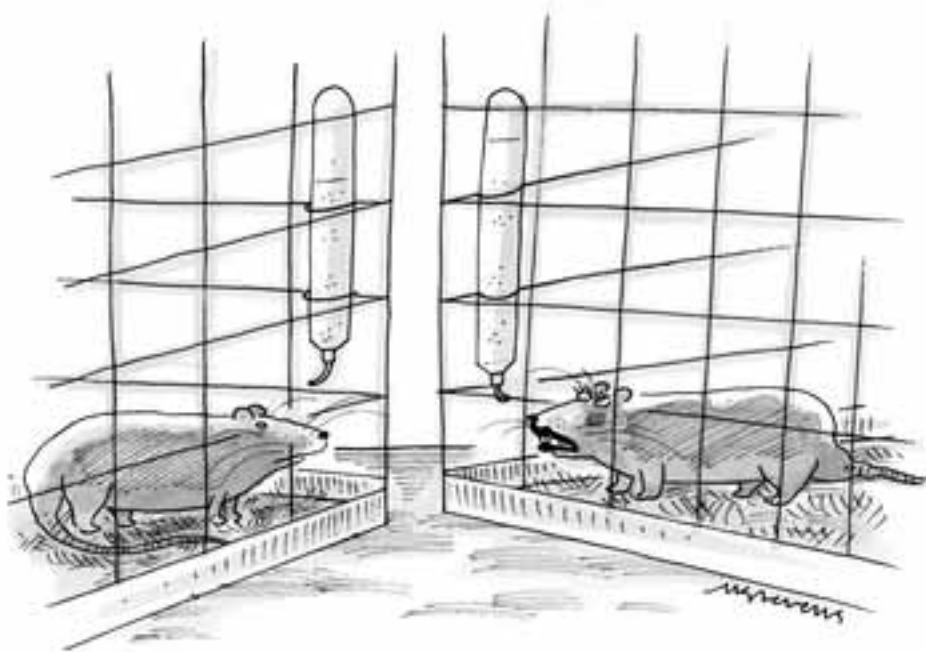




"A Mr. Killer Kong Man to smack you down."



"I love what you've done with him."



"They've got me doing cosmetics research."



"It's not the heat or the humidity. It's the self-recrimination over not finding a way to get out of the city this summer."



*"From 3 a.m. to four-thirty, I have you wondering
if everything in your life has been a mistake."*



"So how does New York stack up against Uzbekistan?"

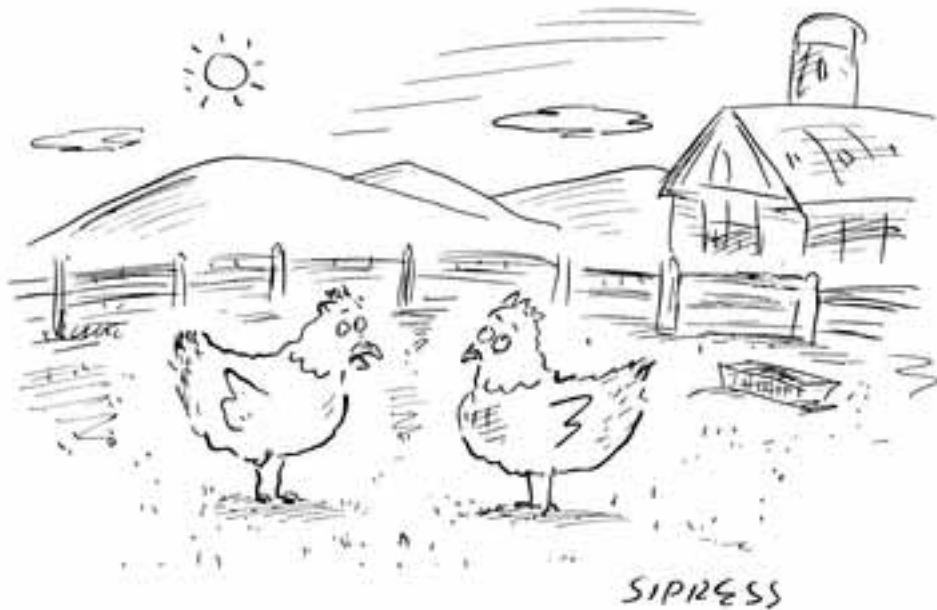




"I feel I'm losing touch with the unrealistic view I have of him."



“Well, don’t just stand there looking precancerous.”



"Here's what I don't get—we don't even have fingers."



“Omigod. You’re backpedalling.”



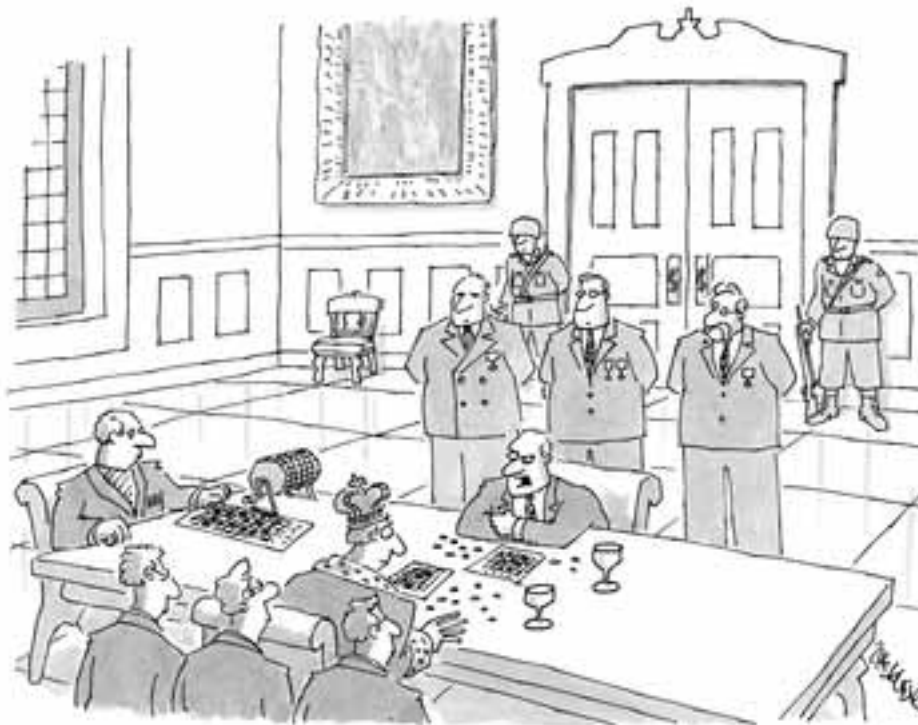
"Can you hear me now?"





“Hey, how come no diplomas?”

“Oh, I’m self-taught.”



"Bingo! I have bingo, Your Excellency. My entire people have bingo."



“Please translate my comment into a hand gesture.”



"You never tell me anything. Keep up the good work."



"They look just like last year's models."



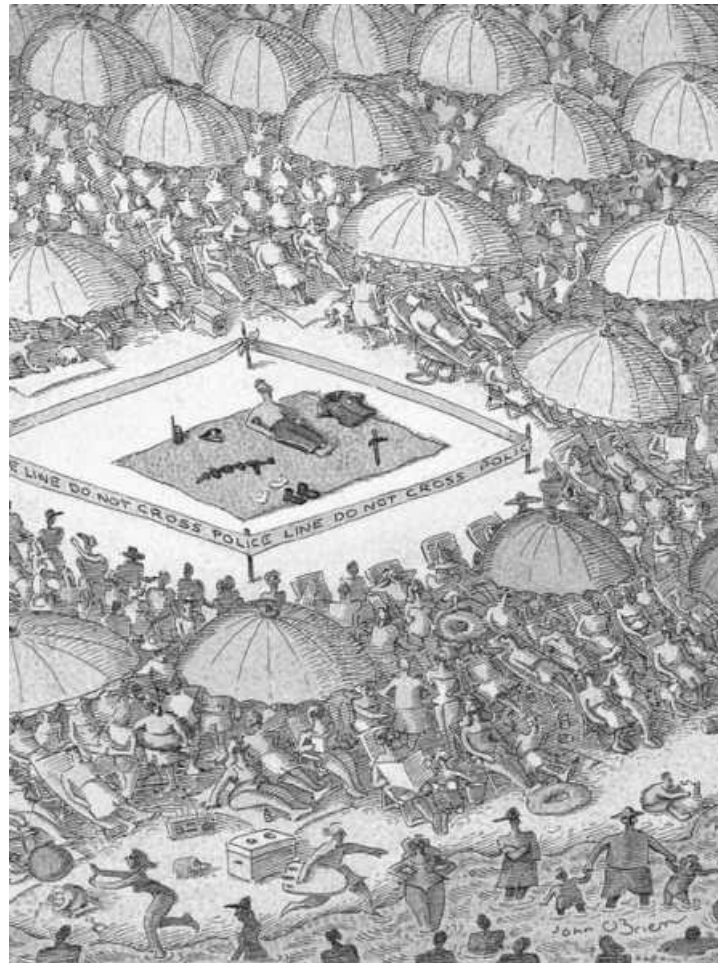
"In the interest of increasing revenue this quarter, Evan, here, will be leading an initiative to rip off liquor stores."



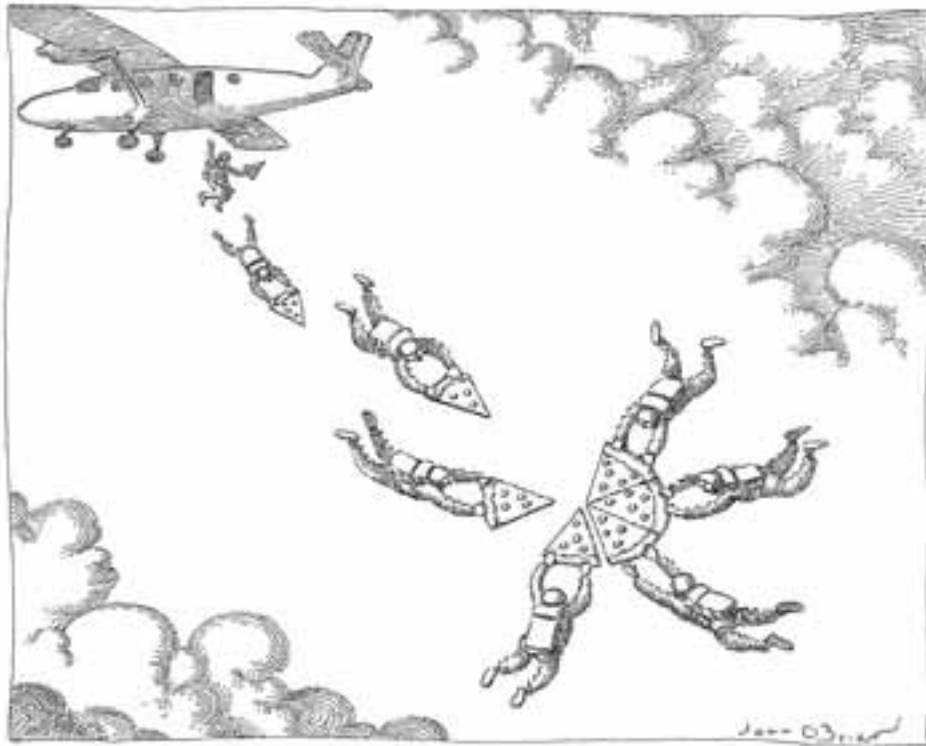
*"They say those who follow the Great Rubber Duckie
will ride safely through any storm!"*

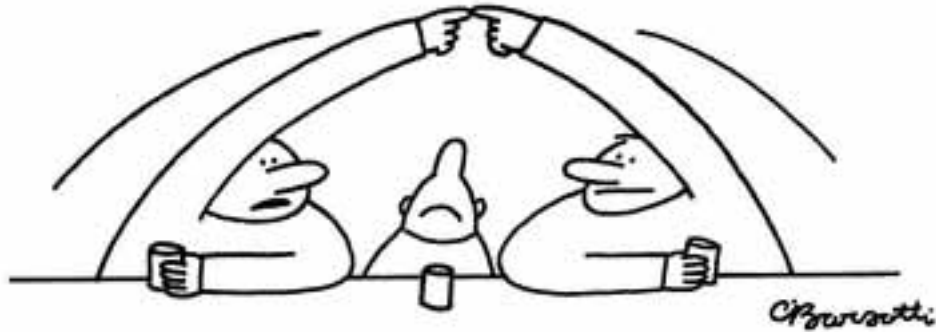


"Allegations were made, allegations were proved."









"You see, Murphy's finger is coming from North Korea or someplace, but my finger comes up and hits Murphy's finger. That's how the Missile-Defense system will work—if it works."





*"It's a good thing this is a leisure-time activity,
because you couldn't pay me to do it."*



"I still have to demand, 'Who goes there? Is it friend or foe?'"



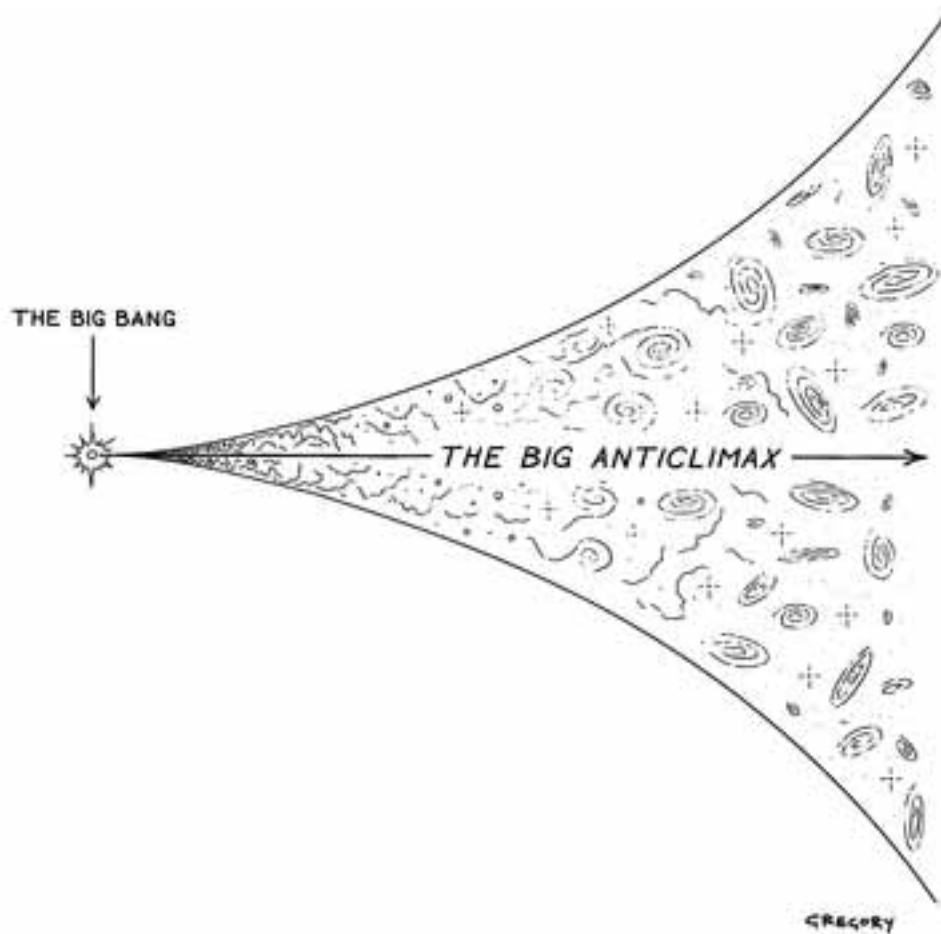
"We were dog people when we met—what happened?"



“My approach is nontraditional, but from a uniquely Western perspective.”



“Geez, Bob, this is stupid. What have you got, hair for brains?”





"This next one goes out to everybody who wishes I were Bobby Short."



“Mr. Carleson will seriously consider your proposal but ultimately reject it now.”



"No, I believe our house is that way."



"The global-positioning system says we're all in the wrong building."



"Nobody's the wisest. You're all wise."





*“Do you ever feel as though the portfolio of your
manhood should have included combat?”*



"Hey, Doug! Great party!"



"I promised her I wouldn't talk sports at least until the reception."

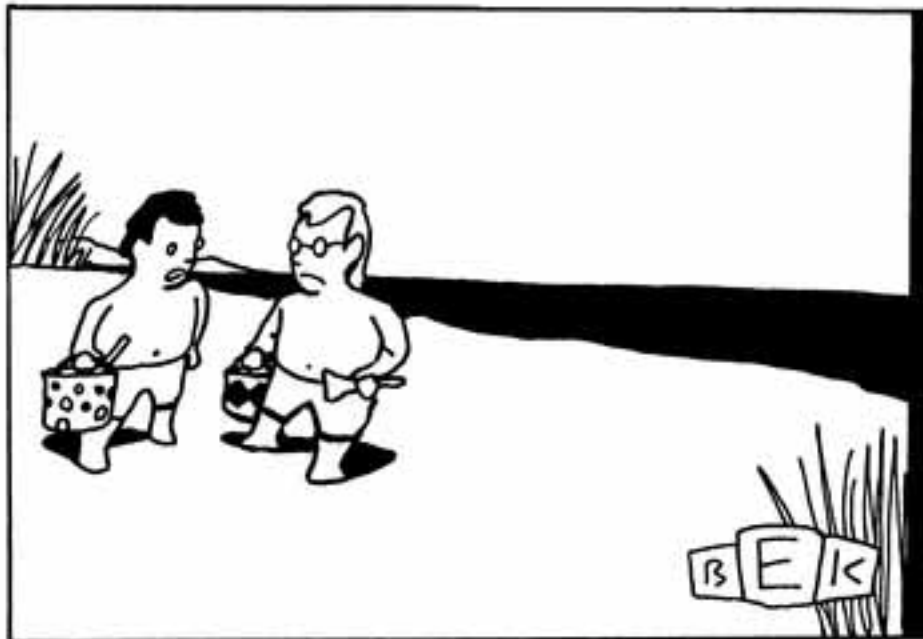


*"Pretty woman, gettin' on the lift.
Pretty woman, seems like she's kinda miffed."*



"Can you keep a huge secret? I was guilty."





“Apparently, when the tide came in, a lot of castles went bust.”



"Before you go, could we exchange smiles?"



"Listen up, my fine people, and I'll sing you a song 'bout a brave neurosurgeon who done something wrong."



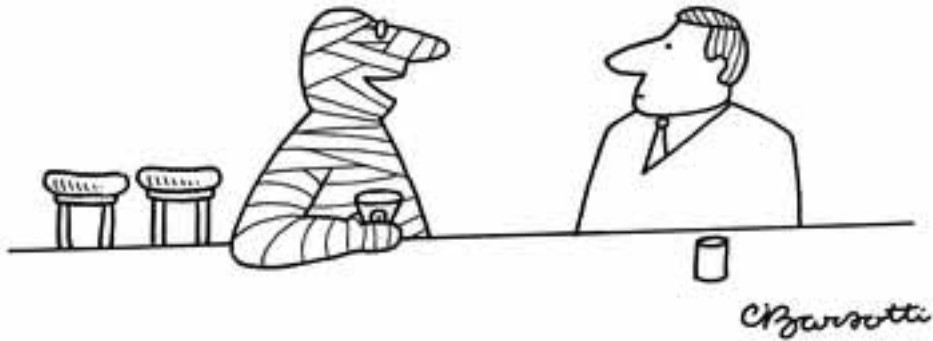
"Are these beautiful? I can't ever tell."



"It's not you—it's me and my new boyfriend."



“Rooting for them is a disease, Ben. It’s nothing to be ashamed of.”



"All I can say is thank God for the patients' bill of rights."

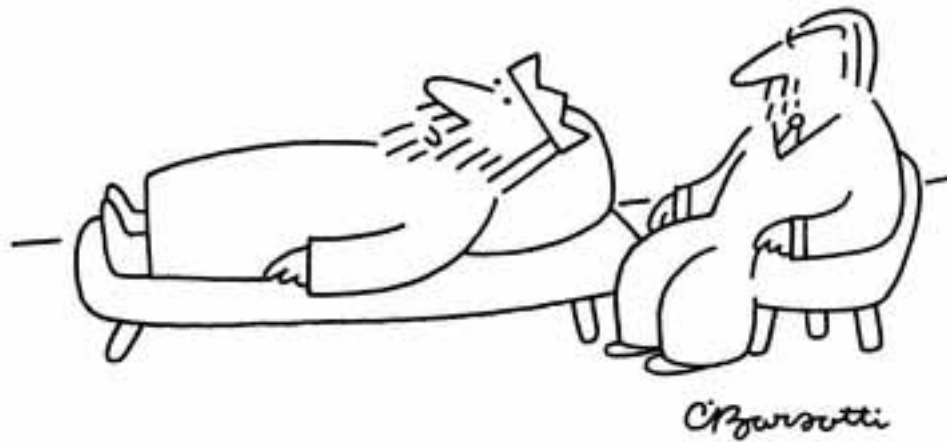


"They don't have the secrets to anything—they're just old."









"Father was a tyrant."



"Then I made the leap from skilled labor to unskilled management."



"It's a little present I gave myself for being so rich."



“O.K.! Time to make a wish, clear it with me, and blow out the candles.”



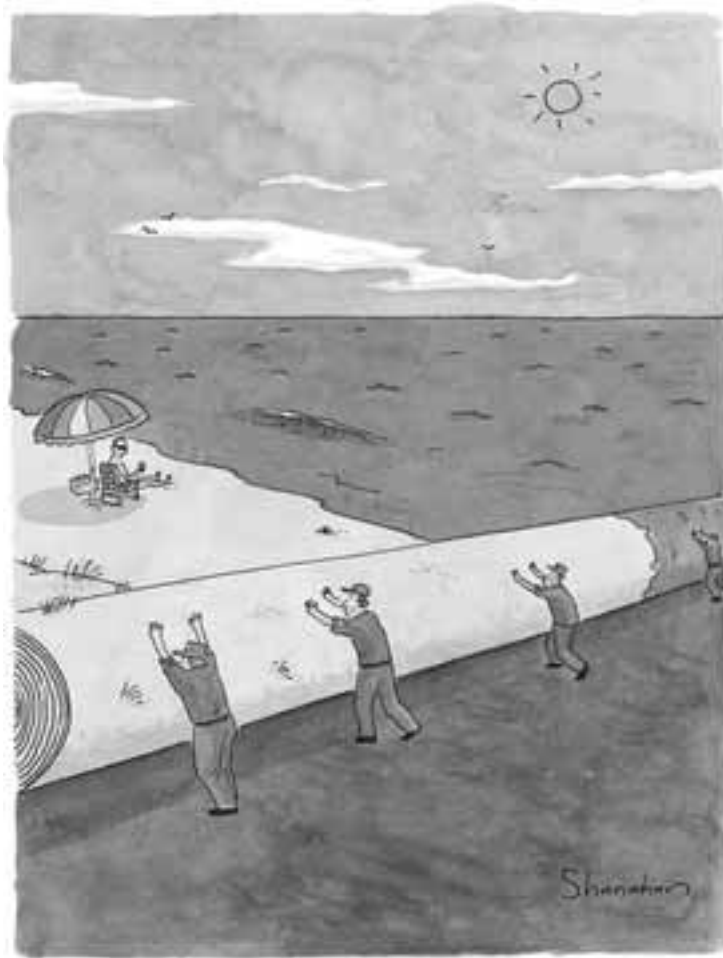
"All I'm saying is that if God created man in his own image he was a bit of a cloner himself."



“Admit it—you don’t know your whereabouts.”



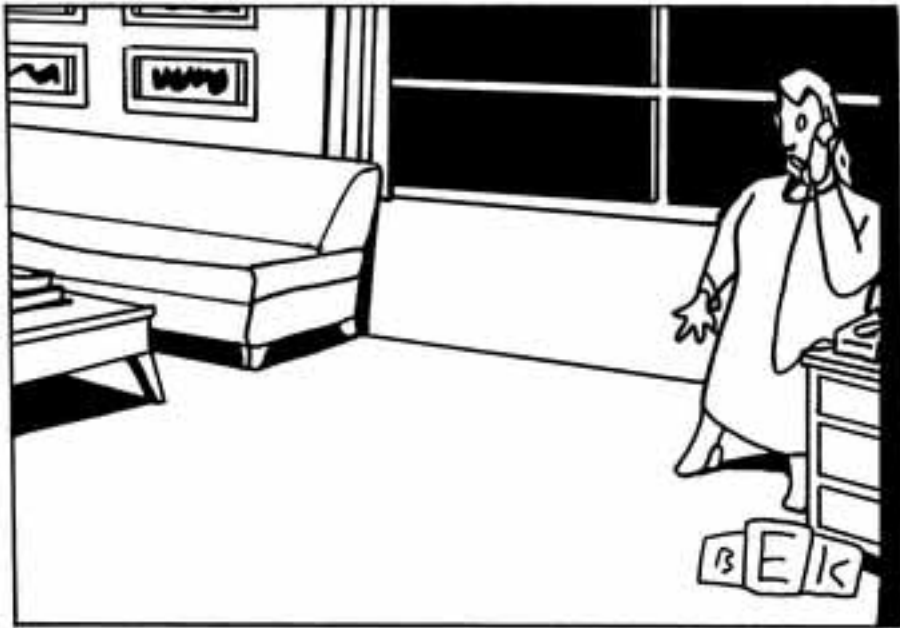
“He’s a true friend and companion and, should it ever come to it, meat.”







"I've been invited to address a conference of professors of twentieth-century American literature who are sleeping with their students."



*"Maybe I'm never going to find the person I'm
supposed to do a real number on."*





*"I hope we have whatever it is we may or may not
still be allowed to call Indian summer."*

THE SURRENDERED MOM

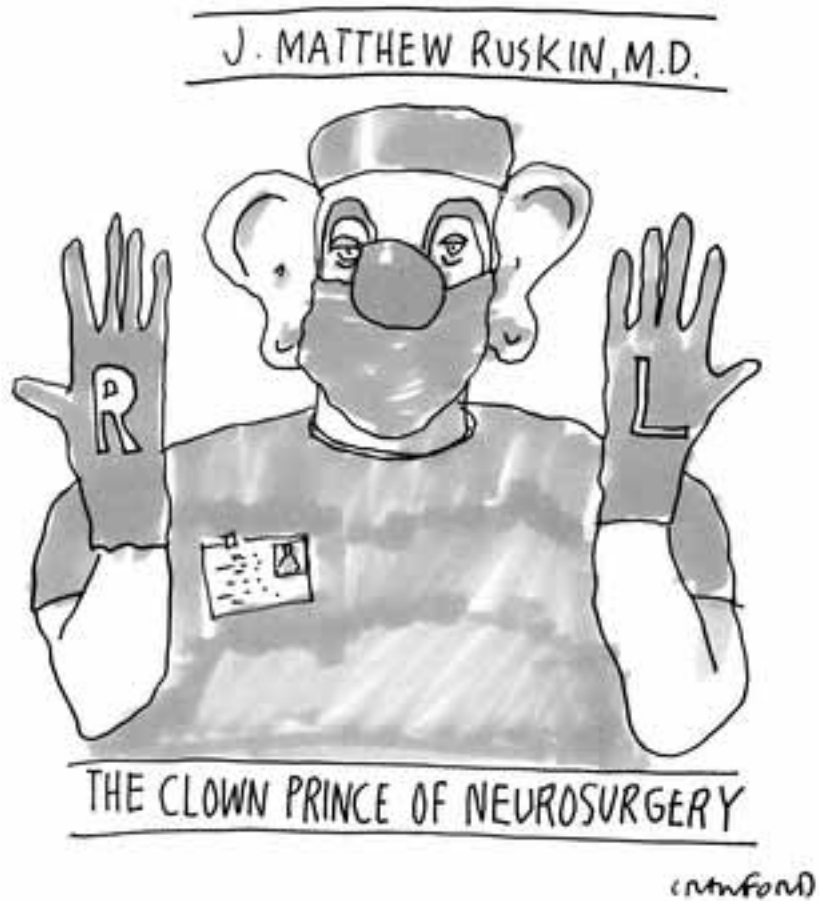




*“Being a hybrid, I get to have my way with a variety of species,
and at the same time I enjoy a healthy tax credit.”*

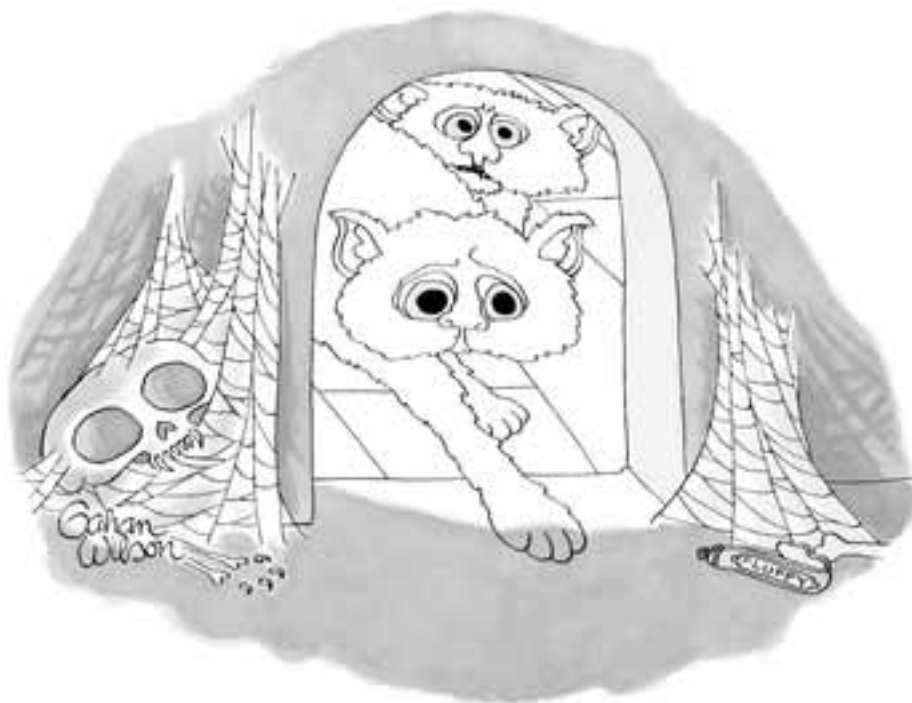


"Here's the deal. I'll fly the plane, and you make the excuses."





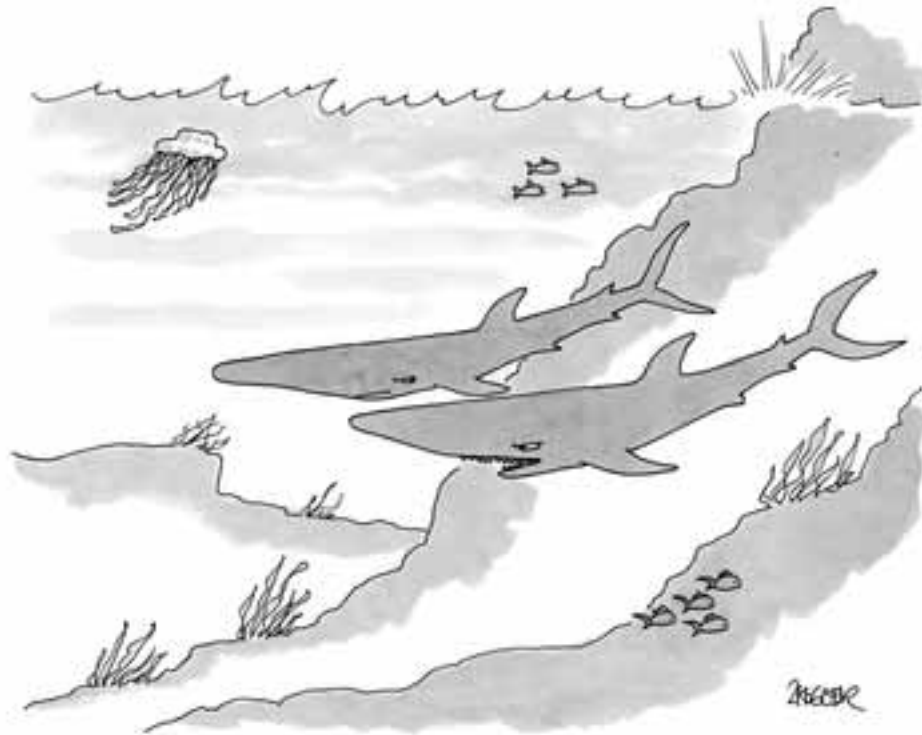
*“Relax, Harvey. Even in a recession,
people need rare tropical fighting fish.”*



"I wouldn't if I were you!"



“Now, Clinton—there’s a man who knew how to apologize.”



*"To be perfectly honest, I've never ripped into anything
that wasn't begging to be ripped into."*



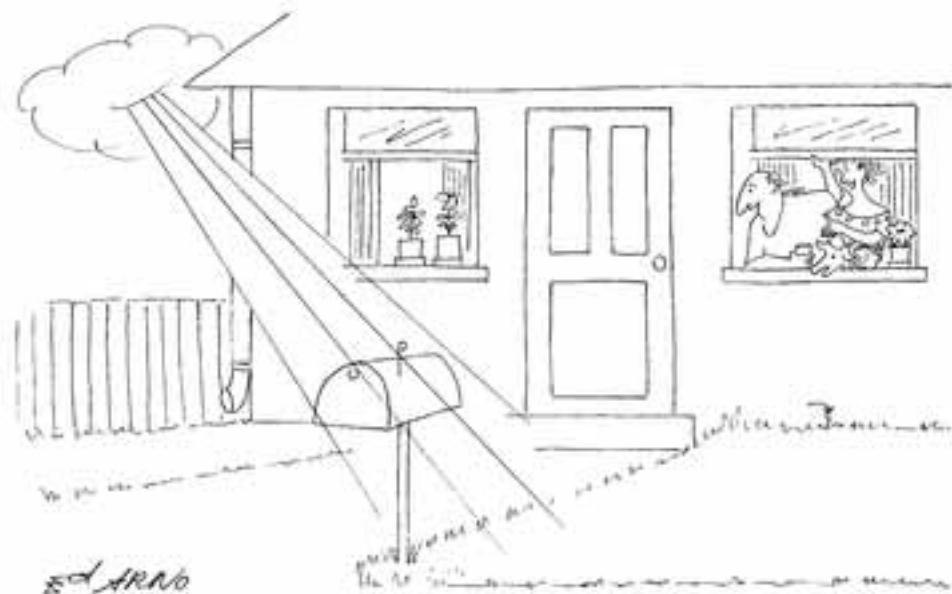
"Oh, just break it anywhere."



"It seems like only yesterday you were a juvenile offender."



FRENCH ARMY KNIFE



"My guess is our tax rebate has arrived."



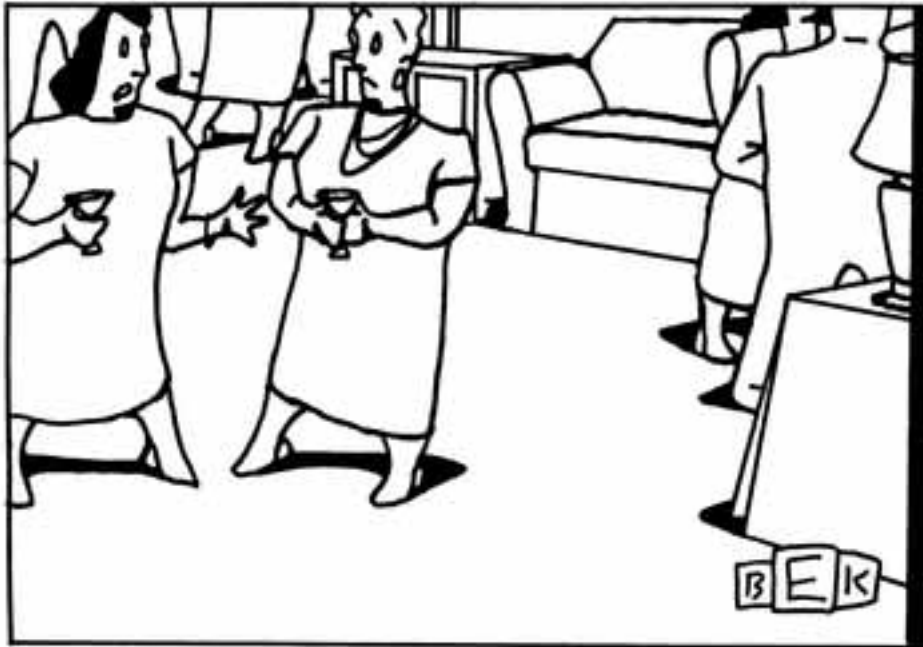
"I ate all the wrong things today."



"The school could certainly use more hall monitors like you, Peterson."



"As long as there's just the two of us, would you mind looking at my book?"



"I can't always be there to kick him when he falls."



"Lassie, get tech support."



*“New York may have the toughest divorce laws in the nation,
but you and I have never shied away from adversity.”*



#14: The Righteous Lion

With a firm but loving hand, guide your cheese to a slice of bread. Top with another slice of bread, and place on hot, well-lubricated griddle. Fry until bread and cheese become one.



#39: Buddha in Paradise

When the time is right, position your cheese atop a slice of bread. Run under the broiler until the cheese yields up its life force and is transformed.



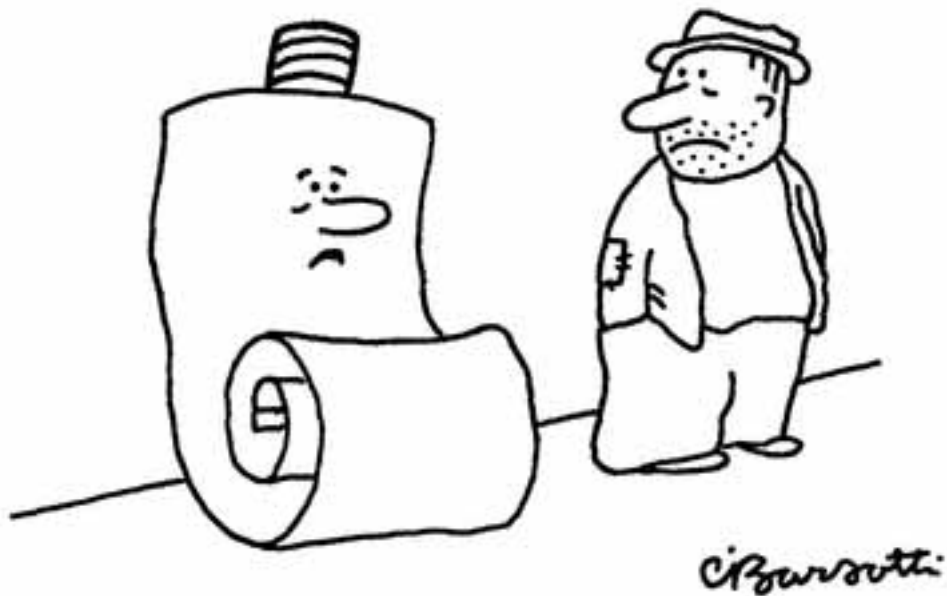
#58: The Lotus

While your cheese is melting in the microwave, your bread should be toasting in the toaster. If all goes well, both will arrive at the crucial stage simultaneously, and can be united.



NEXT WEEK The Kama Sutra of Peanut Butter and Jelly

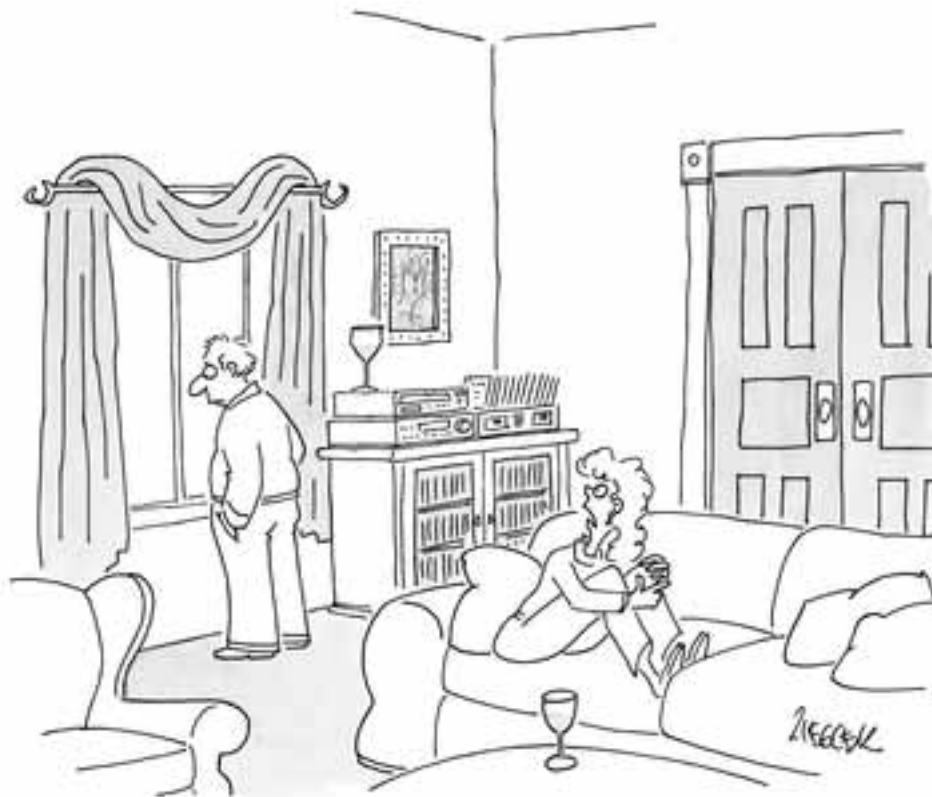
RLW



"I gave and I gave, until there was nothing left to give."



"Do you have something that doesn't scream 'tie'?"



"You asked me to believe in your stock options, Freddie, and I believed."



"It's not a bear, sweetie. It's the pizza."



*“What I Did on My Summer Vacation:
A Mystical Journey of Sexual Awakening.”*



"I'm thinkin' blond."



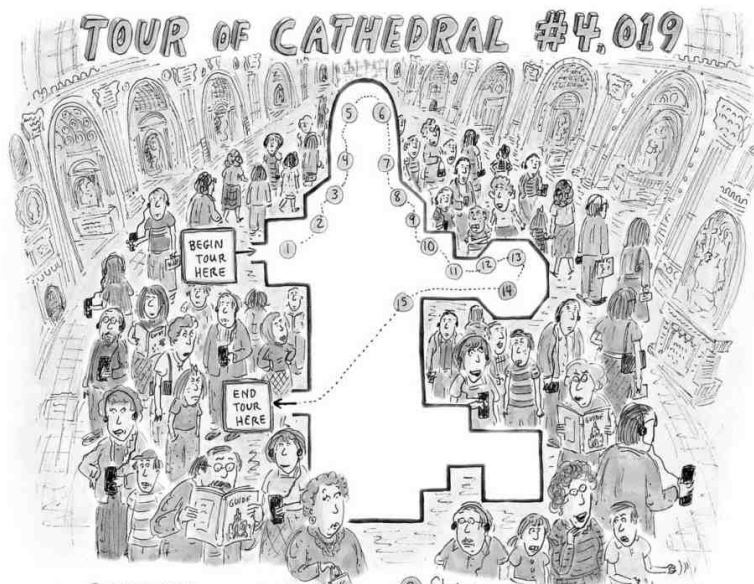
"He's the Tiger Woods of dodgeball."



“You’re my agent, tell me—what do I have to do to be taken seriously as an animal-bloopers-show host?”



"I've come to realize I'm not a Republican or a Democrat. I'm bi."



- 1 WOW. All I can say is WOW.
- 2 How did they build structures like this without modern machinery? It's AMAZING!!!
- 3 Look at that beautiful stained glass! I am in AWE.
- 4 The bottom of my shoe is actually touching a stone that somebody put here in maybe 1200 A.D.
- 5 Wish I hadn't worn these specific shoes, though. Oh, well.
- 6 This really is incredible.
- 7 How was I supposed to know that that old chair was part of the exhibit???
- 8 Shrine.
- 9 I knew when I wore these shoes that they were uncomfortable, but I wore them anyway. I DESERVE to suffer.
- 10 I think I'm getting hungry.
- 11 More stained glass.
- 12 How can I be hungry? I just had breakfast two hours ago!
- 13 Yes, but it was very unsatisfying.
- 14 There is no way I'm as fat as that lady.
- 15 Exit: yesssss /

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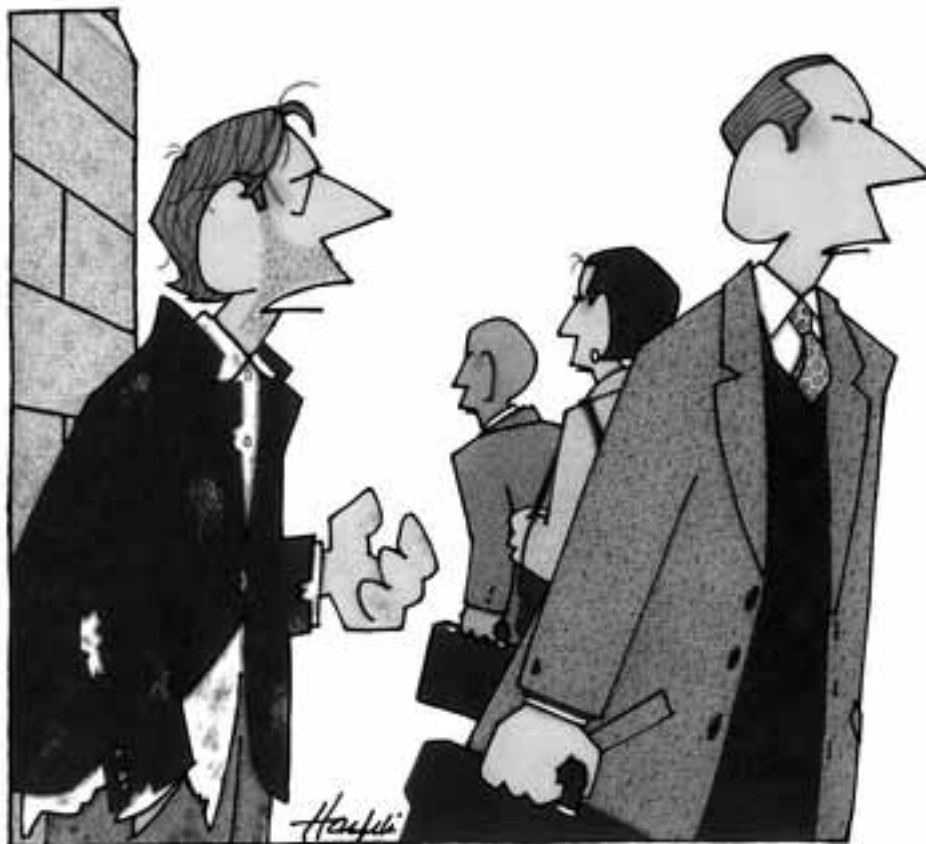
"Of course, all the good ones are fixed."



"This is the part of the job that I hate."



"How was my day? How was my day? Must you micromanage my life?"



"Spare a little eye contact?"



"Which celebrities do this type of yoga?"



*"At first I'm pissed because she's all 'Fur is death! Fur is death!'
But then I think, Dude! She's naked!"*



“What do you have in the way of gateway drinks?”



"You seem reasonably fit—have you ever pulled a rickshaw?"



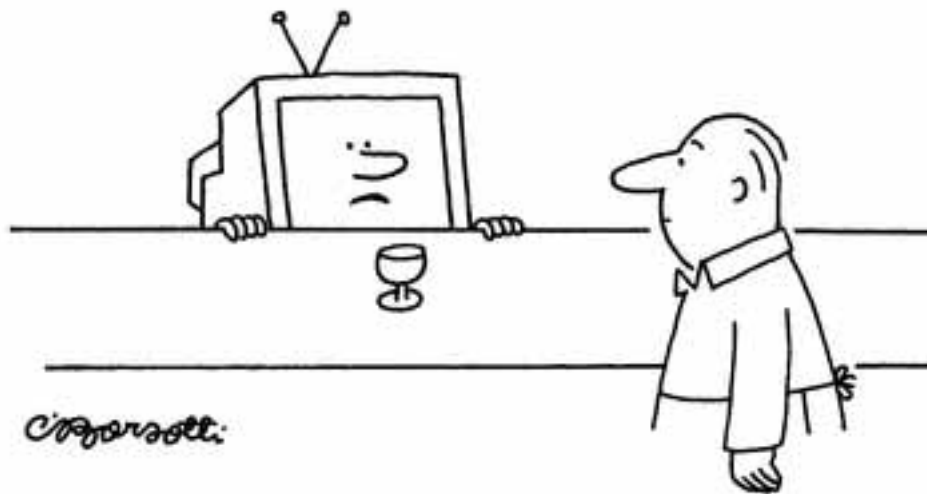
"I don't really have the skirt for this blouse."



"This is the path to adulthood. You're here."



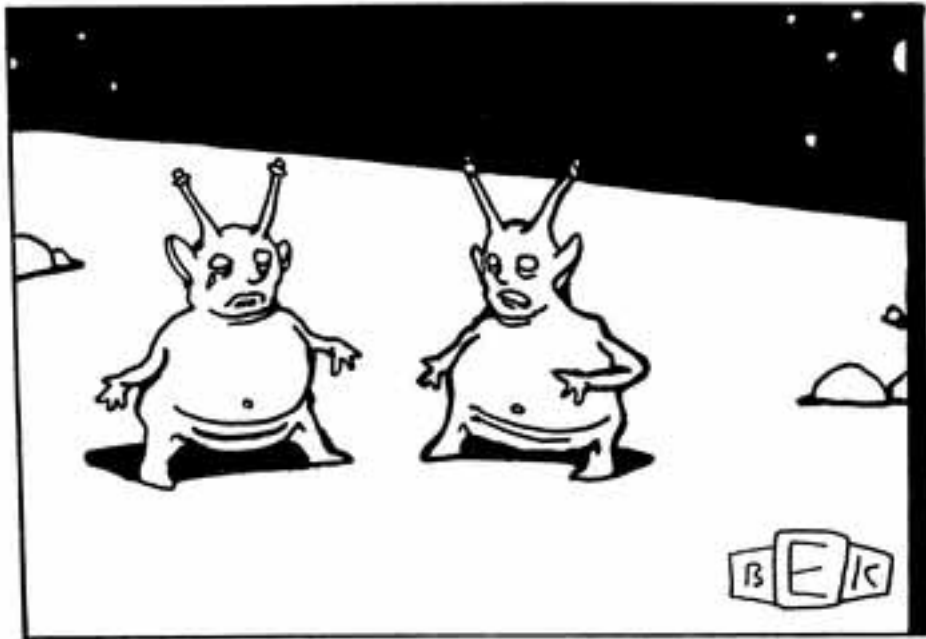
“Oops! The padding just fell out of your résumé.”



"Got to go. Somebody found the remote."



“And make it look as if he’d been run over by a glacier.”



*"You can't keep comparing yourself to those
skinny little aliens you see in movies."*

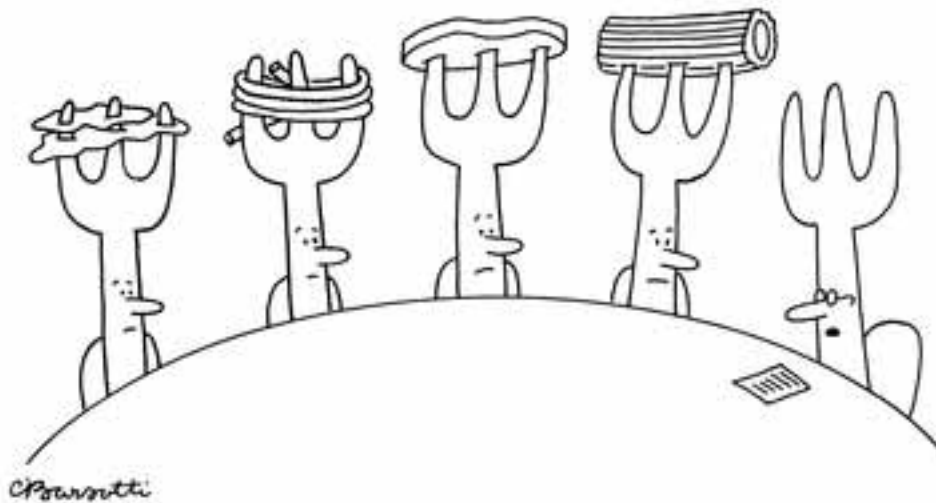


*"We're pretty wiped. In one day, we summited Gucci, Fendi,
Comme des Garçons, Louis Vuitton, and Century 21."*





"I thought I'd never laugh again. Then I saw your jacket."



"I want to apologize for calling this meeting on such short notice."



“My parents didn’t write it—they just tweaked it.”



"Do you know its sexual identity?"



"I found my thrill on Blueberry Hill."



*"All I ever thought about, Gus, was me, me, me.
But that's all changed now."*



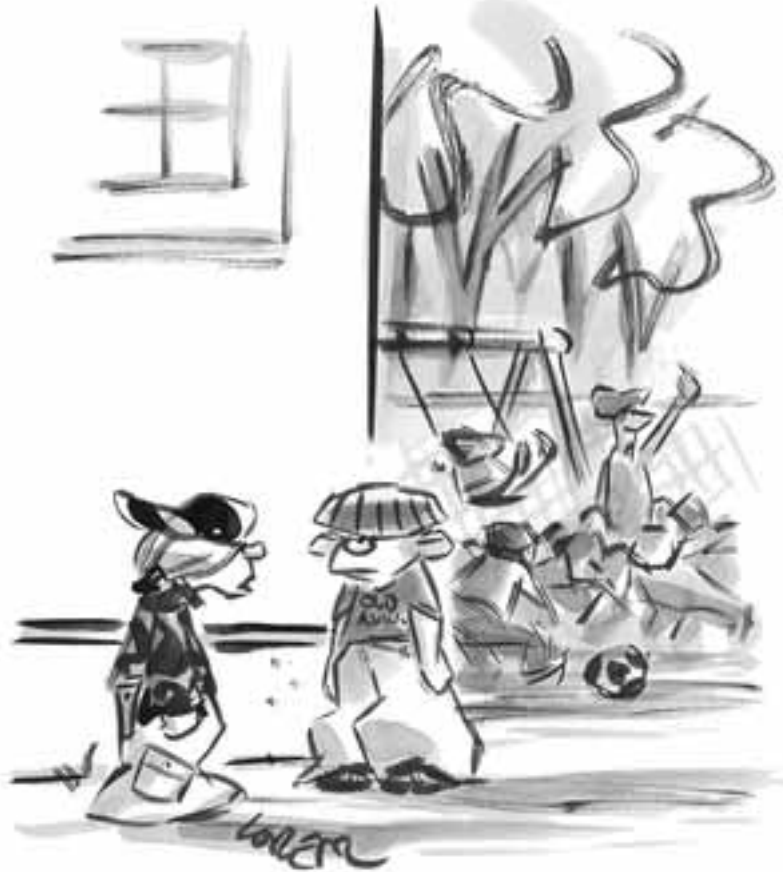
"One of your used books gave me a rash."



"I like you, Janet—you're easy to talk over."

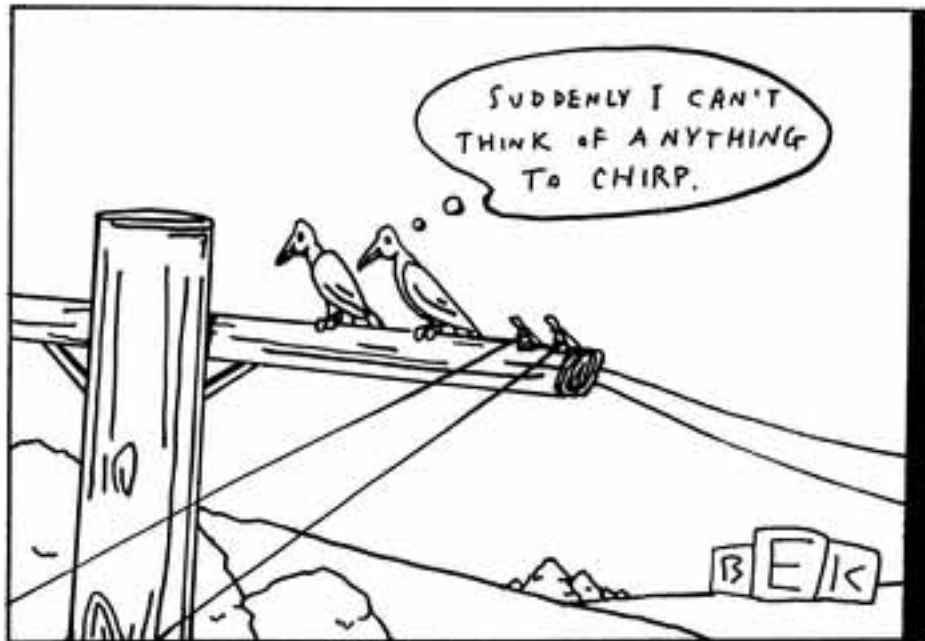


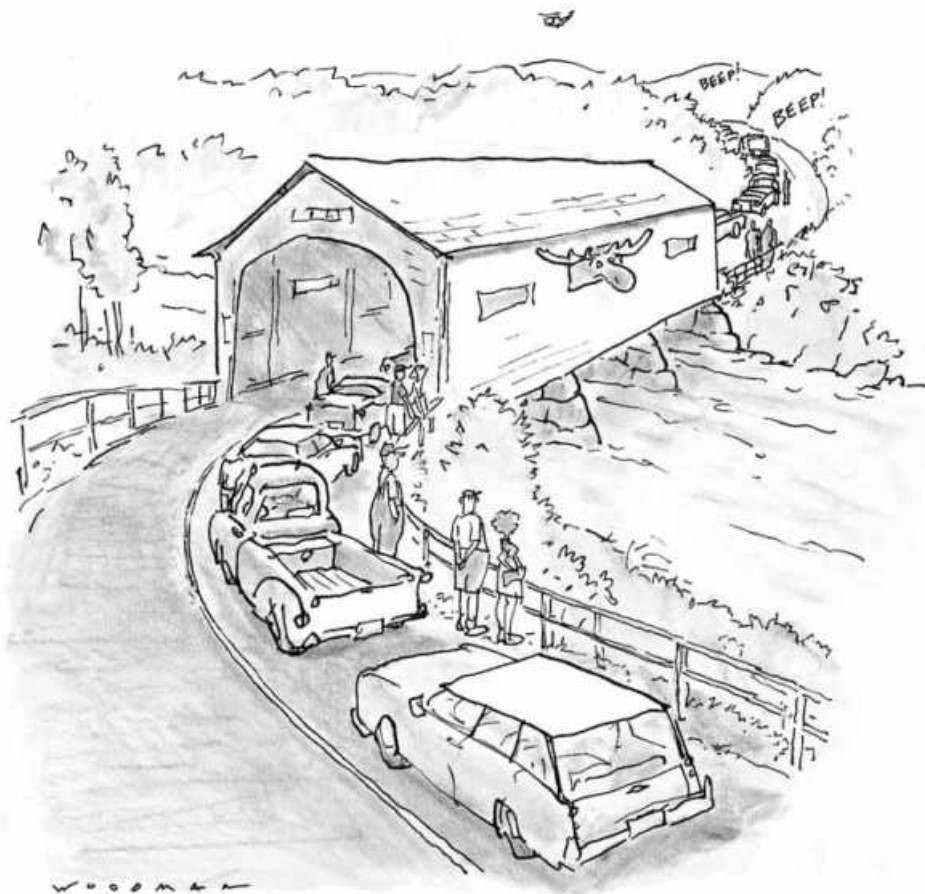
"I can explain everything."



"Others have underestimated me, Tyler, to their regret."









*"This is a clever little shop.
It makes you think it would be fun to own a lamp."*



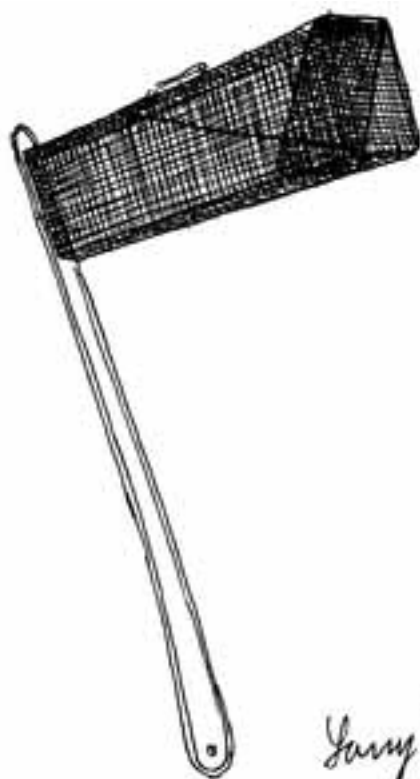
"I miss the Commies."



*“If we can just get beyond this ‘I’m the boss’ mentality
and concentrate on a simple ‘What I say goes’ outlook,
I think this will all work out.”*



"It's a case of the cutes, for which there is no known cure."



CATCH & RELEASE FLYSWATTER



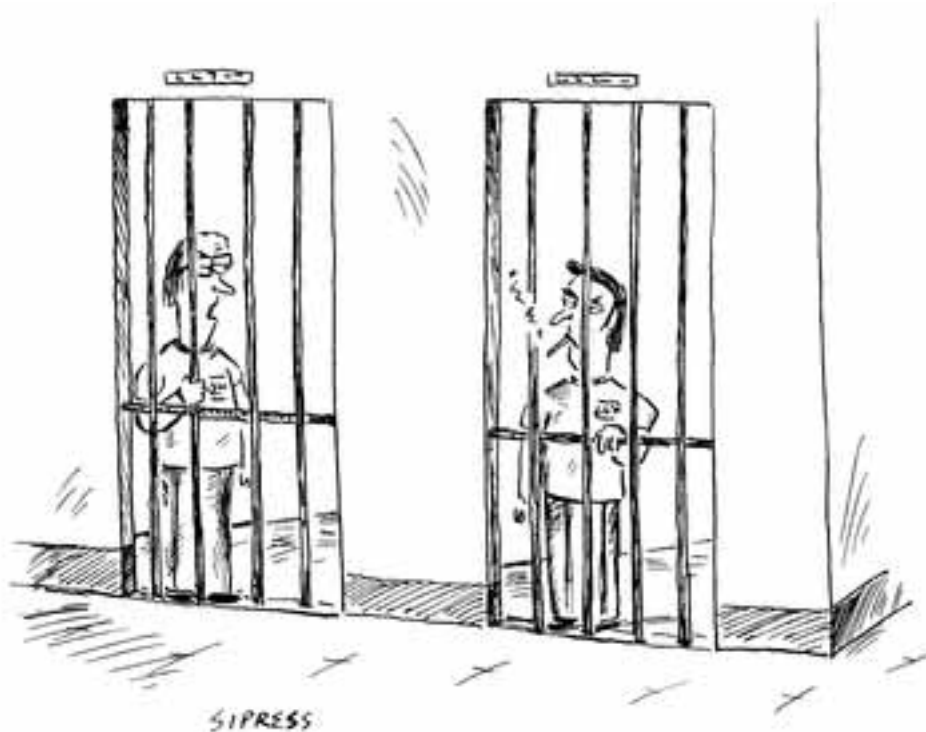
"Our marriage is undergoing something of a renaissance."



*"At least this damn pullback is pulling back
lots of money from the wrong hands."*



"Don't look now, but a fast-moving cold front is headed our way."



"I cloned a guy in Reno. How 'bout yourself?"



"You know the doctor told you no more op-ed."



“You’ve got to want to connect the dots, Mr. Michaelson.”



*"If you want to know what Carl is like, imagine
Dick Cheney without power."*



"We pointed, but we never clicked."



*“You’re going out there an annoying, mannered,
not that great-looking girl. But you’re going to come
back an indie queen.”*



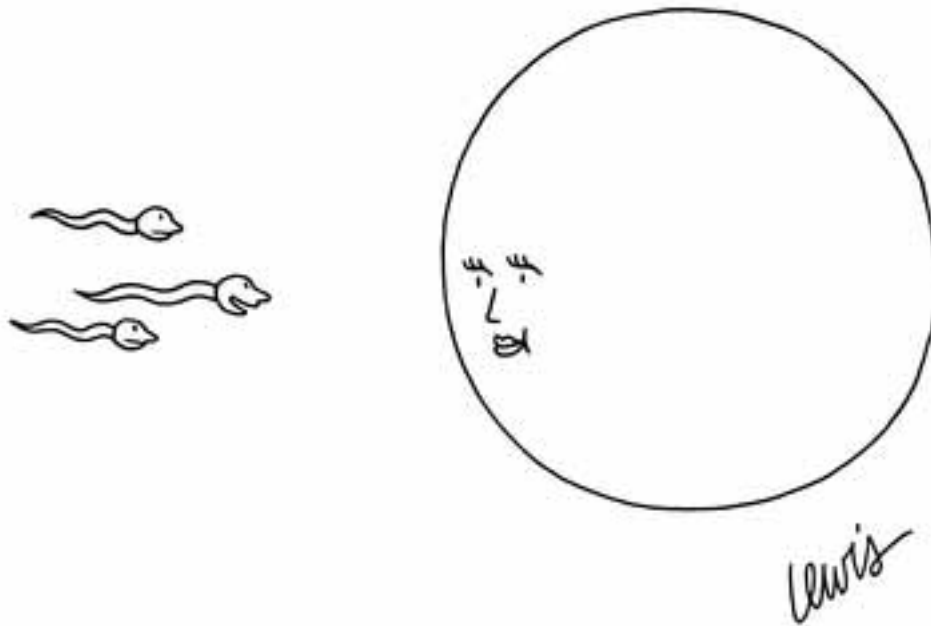
"It was a sweater when I began."



"Lose the guiding headpush on the perp, Jake. That is so cop show!"



"All I ask for is an occasional frisson."



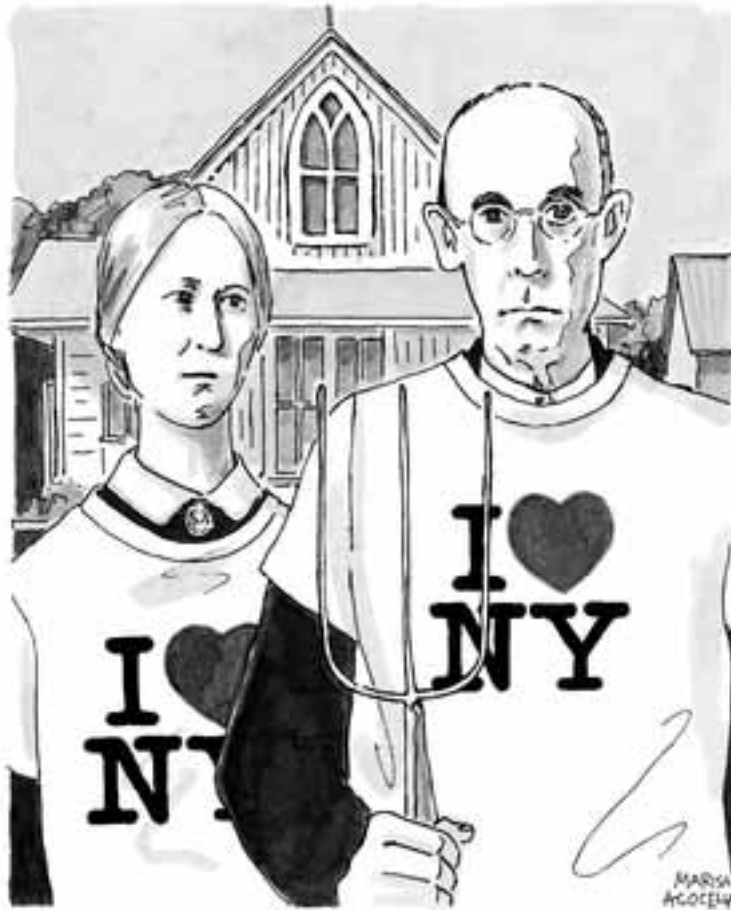
"Of course you don't look fat."



"My gut tells me this is a time to mute our hoopla."



*“Bush is starting to grow on me—
sometimes he actually seems almost mayoral.”*





*“You steered the proper course, Cap’n, when you had us
bury this instead of investing it in the market!”*



"No, it's not funny. But it's in the tradition of funny."



"We sent Justin to law school, but it didn't take."

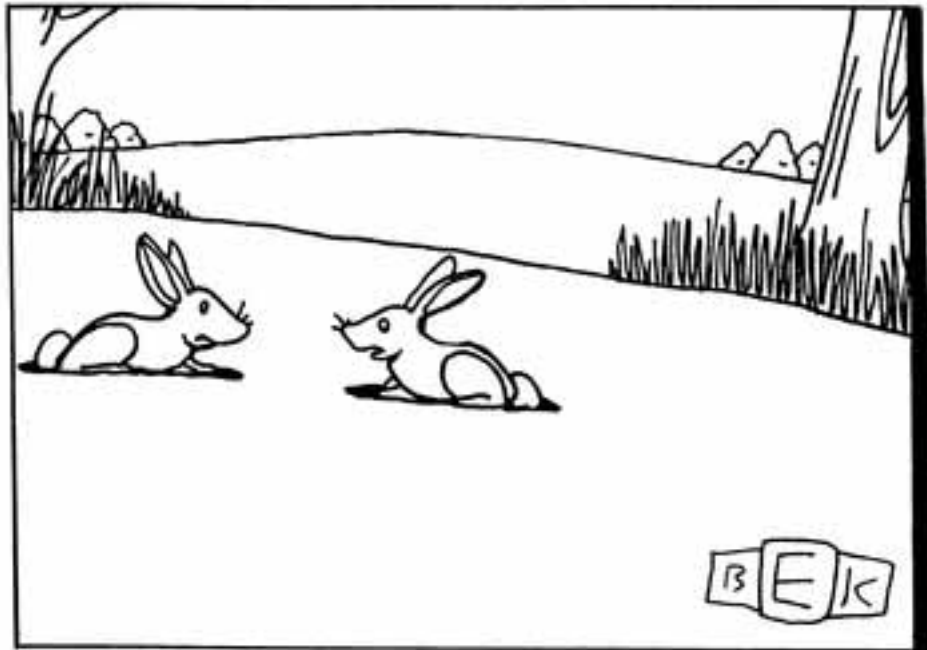


"You thought we would offer lower fares? How insensitive."



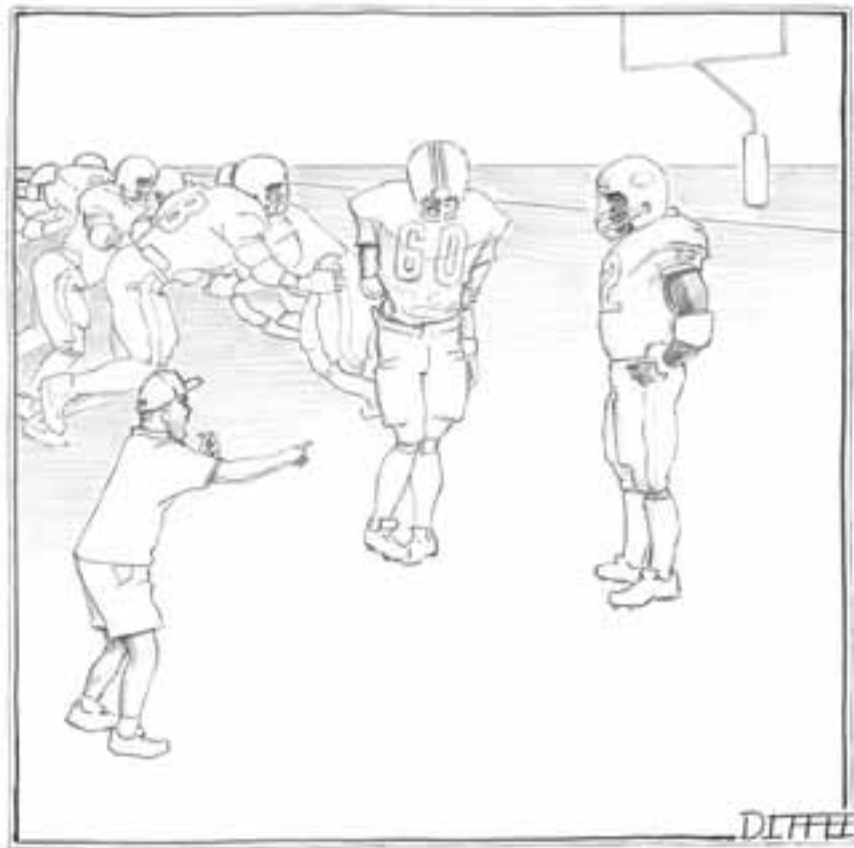
"Would it kill you to compost?"





"I don't know why I know all this useless carrot trivia."





*"Jenkins and Caldwell, take a lap—and that goes
for anyone else I catch swing dancing."*



"You don't have a weak chin, dear. You have a confident overbite."





"I just wanted to confirm the diagnosis you made at the cocktail party."



"If you ask me what's wrong one more time, I'm going to tell you."



“Gee, Tommy, I’d be lost without your constant peer pressure.”



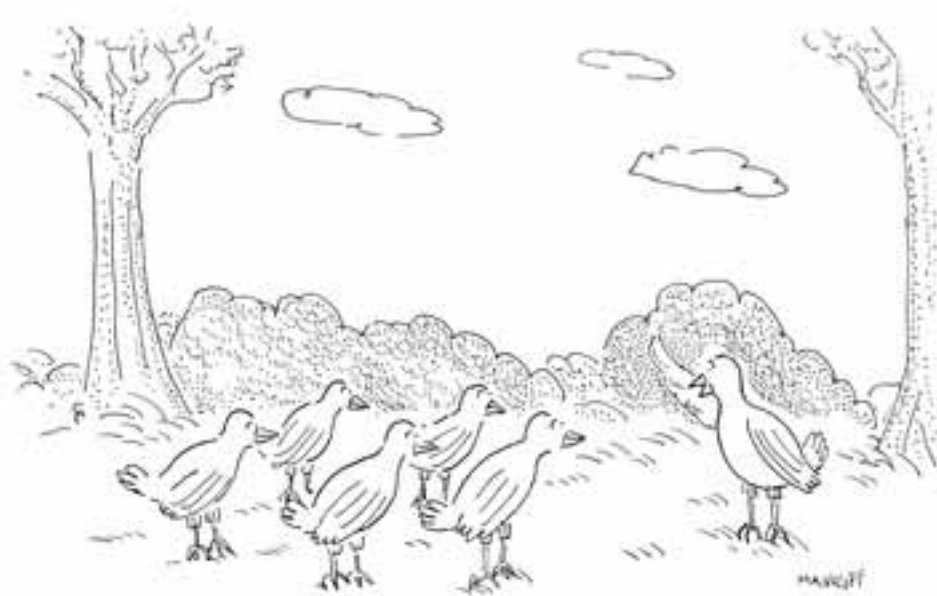
Hi. You are a recipient of the Make-Work-for-Jerks Chain Letter. Please add your name and address to the list below. Then copy this letter by hand fifty times and send it to fifty other jerks.



Within two weeks, absolutely nothing will happen. However, if you break this chain, someday, somewhere—maybe not tomorrow, maybe not next week, but **SOMEDAY BEFORE YOU DIE**—an angry, florid little man will come up to you in public and slap you across the face. Good luck!



R. Chast



“C’mon guys—birds gotta fly.”



"This isn't for me—it's for the economy."



"Have you considered the possibility that I don't want the paper?"



"That was a feel-good movie. How come I don't feel so good?"



B. Smaller

"Give me a hug. I can tell a lot about a man by the way he hugs."



"You always take the parking spot of least resistance."



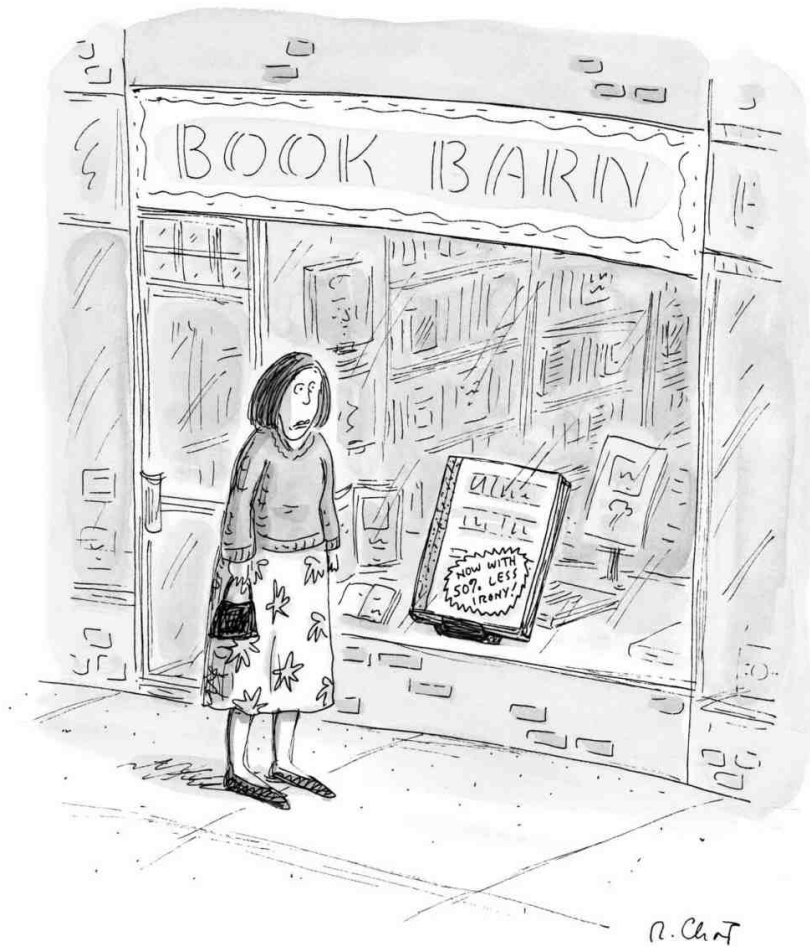
"Oh, yes, sir, the zebra is fresh."



"No, I don't have any weed."

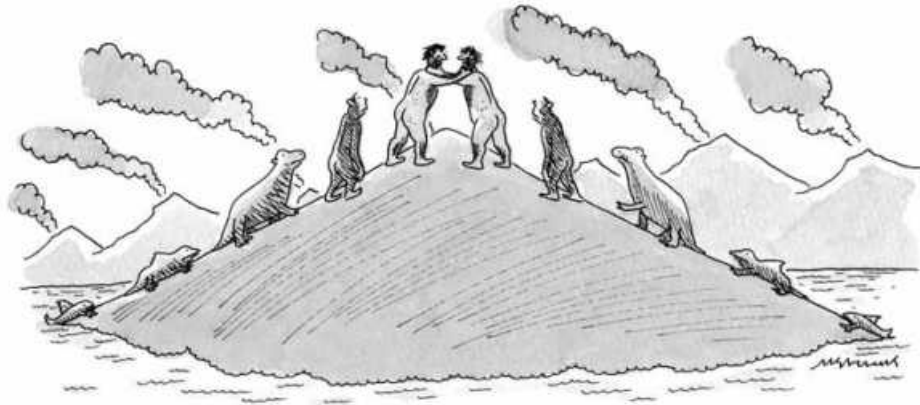


“Frank and I used to work at our marriage. Now we’re retired.”



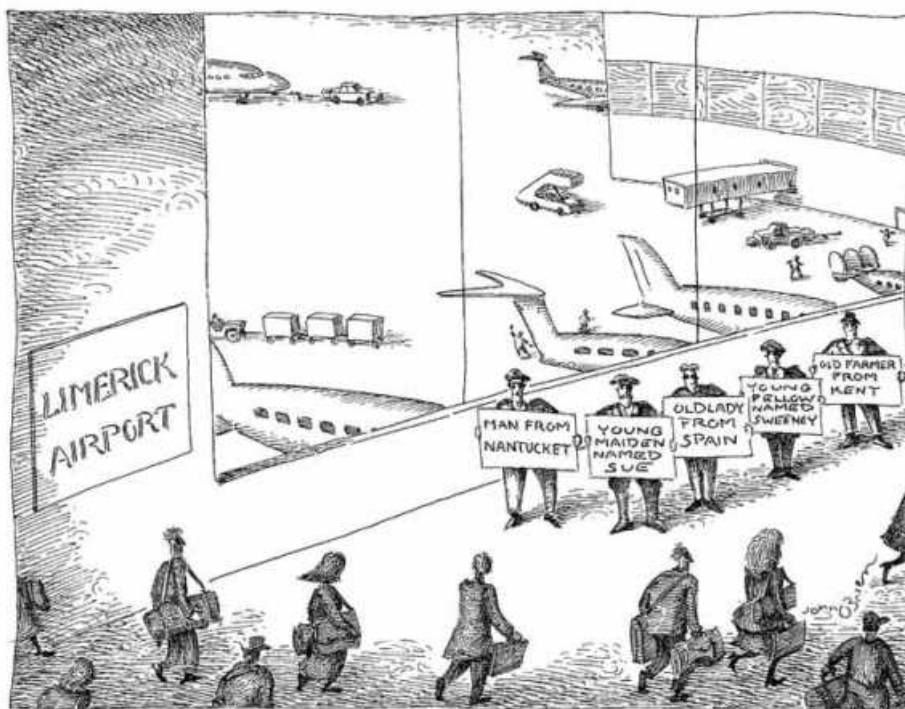


"Hey, I'm in the mood for love—be back in a few hours."





*"I'd like to dedicate my next song to that delightful little table
in the corner with the slightly cockeyed lamp."*





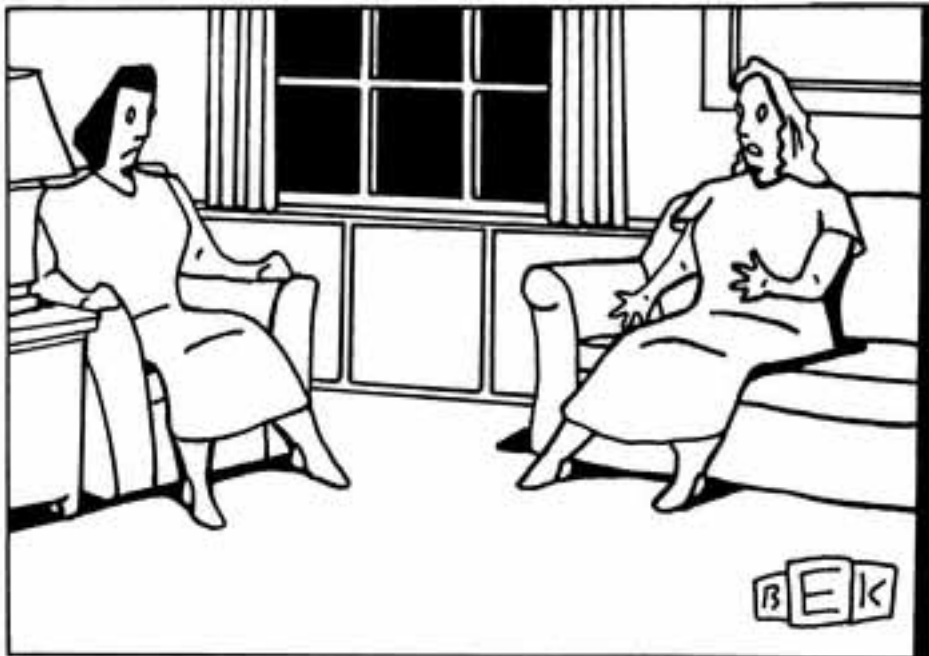
"It's not just compared to the table, damn it. This is a small portion."



"It would be a great honor for me to be counted as one of your successes."



*"It runs on its conventional gasoline-powered engine until it senses guilt,
at which point it switches over to battery power."*



"It's easy. The first step is to entirely change who you are."



*"If there's no more old business and no more
new business, let's declare bankruptcy."*



"Hey! You call this a walk?"



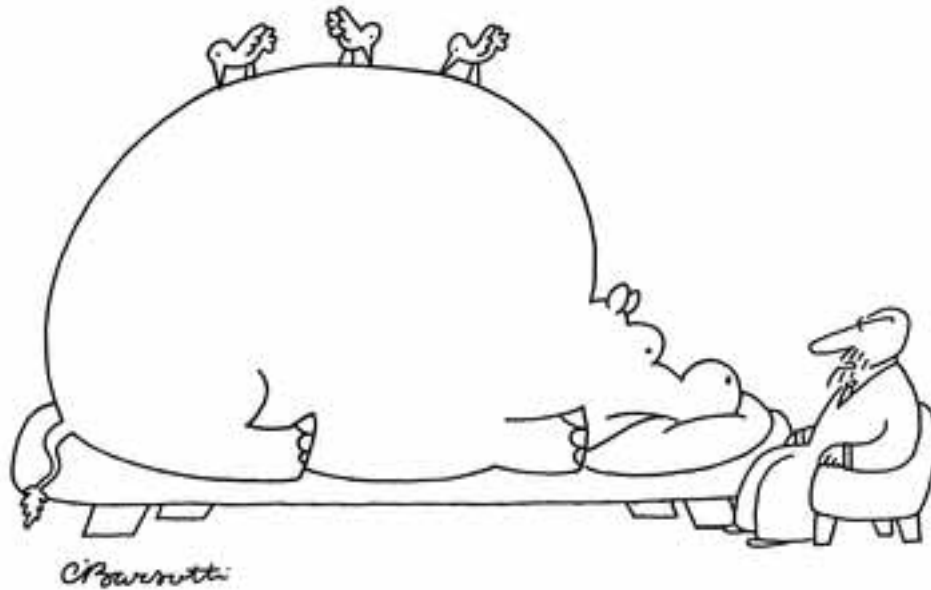
“What’s that book everybody’s listening to?”



"Hi. I'm the babysitter, formerly with Action Data Systems."



"We're still getting used to feeling patriotic."



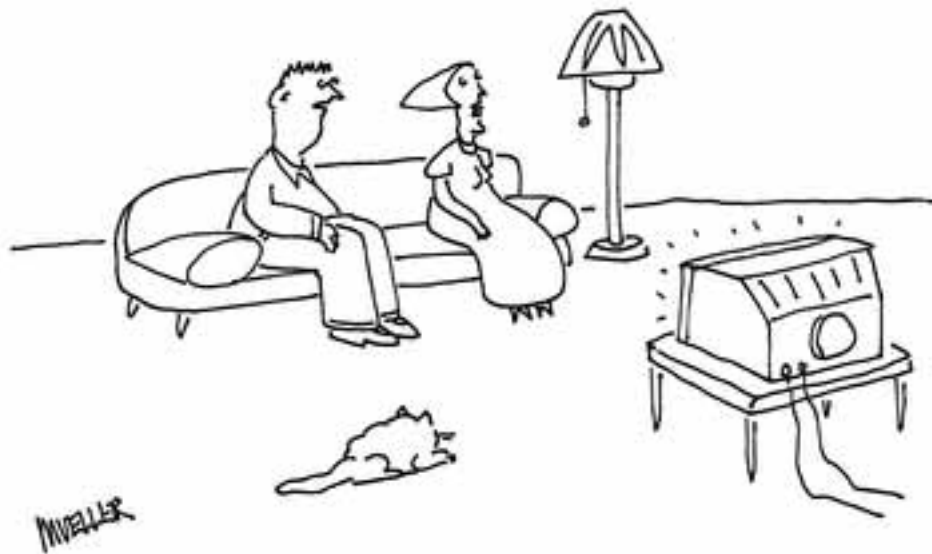
"You can't let the tick birds continue to define you."



“Do you think of yourself as a spiritual person?”



*"We want to do the whole Jack Kerouac-
'On The Road' thing, only with B. & B.s."*



"Look, honey! Important people talking loudly!"





"From now on, we're not a family. We're a coalition."



*"As your attorney, I must strongly advise you
against bringing the high heat."*





“Maybe it’s part of the New Maturity, but you don’t see grownups on those damn scooters anymore.”



“He’s having a tough time letting go of the Upper East Side.”



"It all looks so great. I can't wait to be disappointed."



*"I had a lot of nine-to-five jobs before I realized
I needed to pretend to be creative."*



“We’ve changed ‘Happy Hour’ to ‘An Interlude for Reflection.’”



"I think Dad is the reason Mom never married."



"I knew it wouldn't last—but I never dreamed it wouldn't last this long."



"Well, I finally saw a shrink today."



“What part of Noh don’t you understand?”



“Trick or treat, and here’s a list of my known food allergies.”



“Thank you for your recent E-mail. I appreciate your concern. However, I am, at this time, completely satisfied with the size of my penis.”



"Do you have 'The Complete Infidel's Guide to Radical Islam'?"



"Baseball or anthrax?"



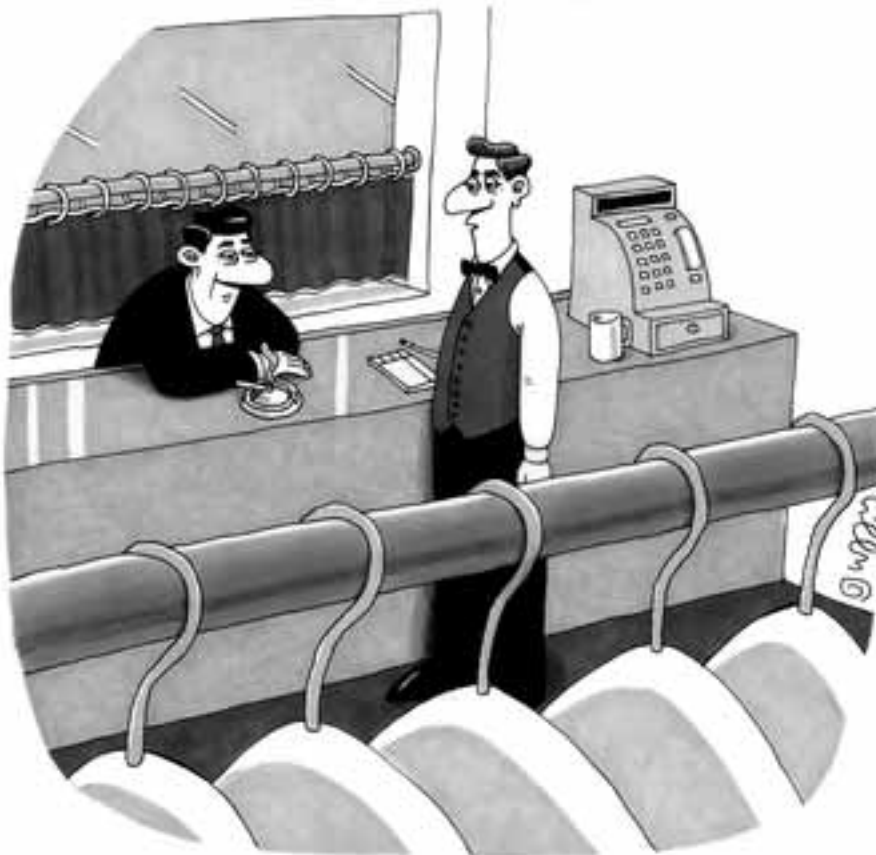
"I'm sorry, the doctor no longer makes diagnoses."



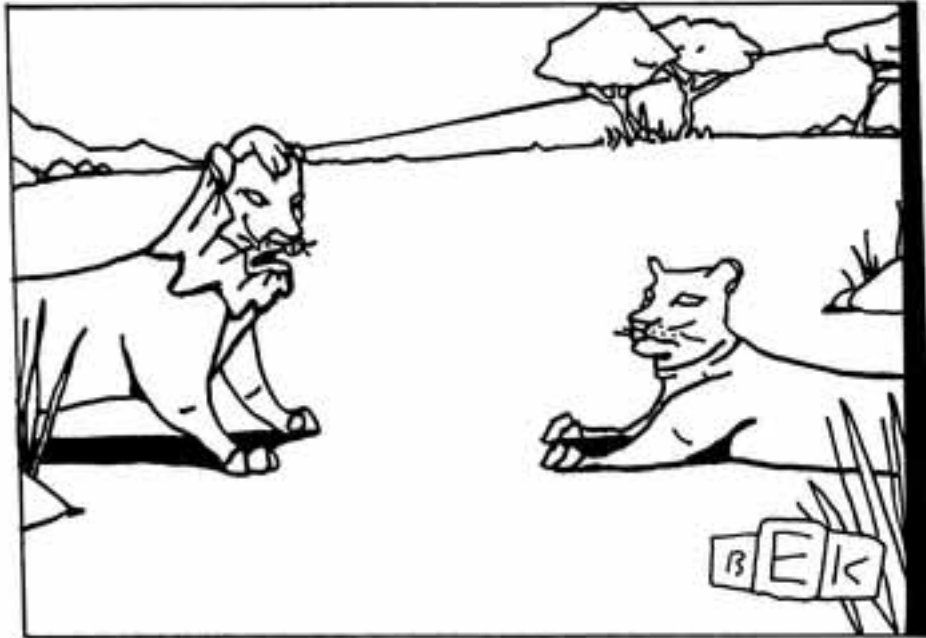
*“Be honest, are you seeing someone else,
or did you get that from ‘Men’s Health’?”*



"I don't eat meat or fish, so I can't tell you much about the specials."



*"Look, I'm sorry your wife doesn't understand you,
but this is a dry cleaner's."*

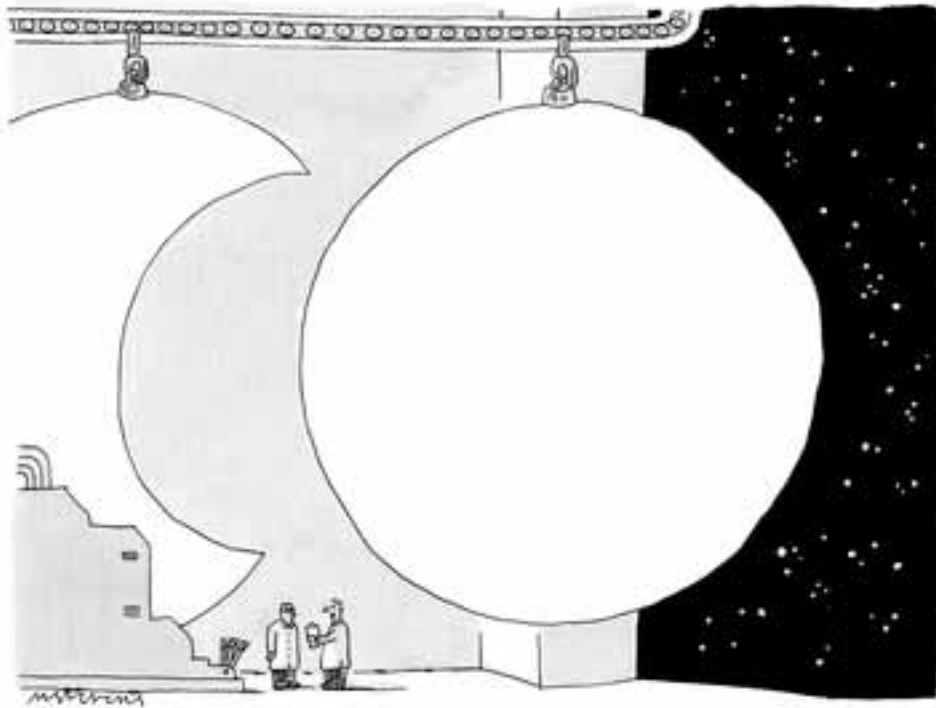


“Oh, thanks—I figured that as long as I was having the thorn taken out of my paw, I might as well have a body scrub and get my mane redone.”



*"The problem with you is that you try
to be a lot nicer than you really are."*

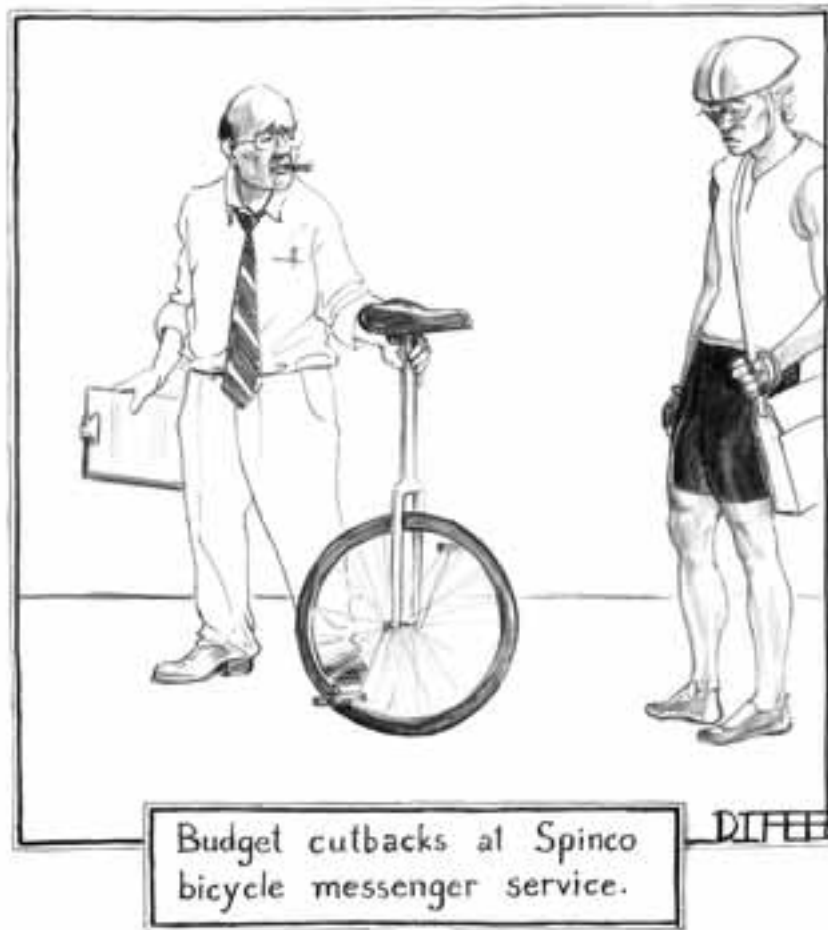




“Yes, I’m sure. It says here the full moon isn’t until the twenty-third.”



*"He's gone from the most-wanted list to someone
the authorities would like to talk to."*





“Lately, I’ve begun to understand—and forgive—my parents.”



"Larry is a white male, but he hasn't been able to do much with it."



"Since we're both working on the same marriage, I thought it would be a good idea to get together and compare notes."





"You're sad about the wrong things, Albert."

WILD BILL
HICKOK



REALLY WILD
BILL HICKOK





*“Still it would be a great mistake to abandon your
work on the perpetual-motion machine.”*



*“But, sweetheart, why do you have to marry a doctor?
Why can’t you marry a fireman?”*



"You haven't moved all day."





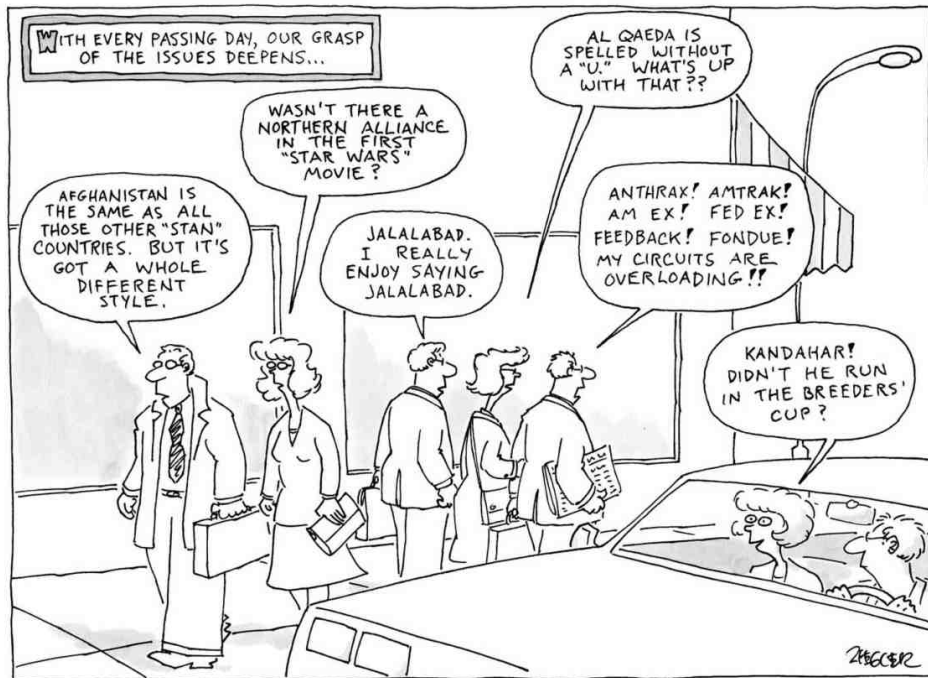
"Don't take her out of the box—she'll depreciate."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (1 OF 10)



"We'll need to declaw the cat."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (2 OF 10)



THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (3 OF 10)



"You can't expect to get back to normal if you never were normal."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (4 OF 10)



"We're from the F.B.I., going from house to house making sure that everyone is scared shitless."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (5 OF 10)



THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (6 OF 10)



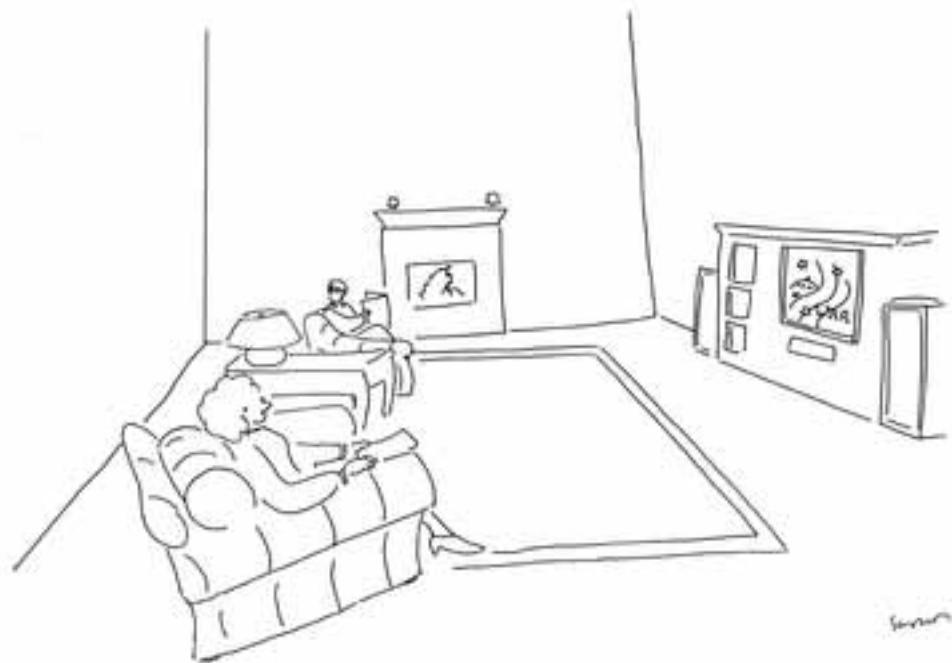
"The food is just so-so, but the security is fantastic."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (7 OF 10)



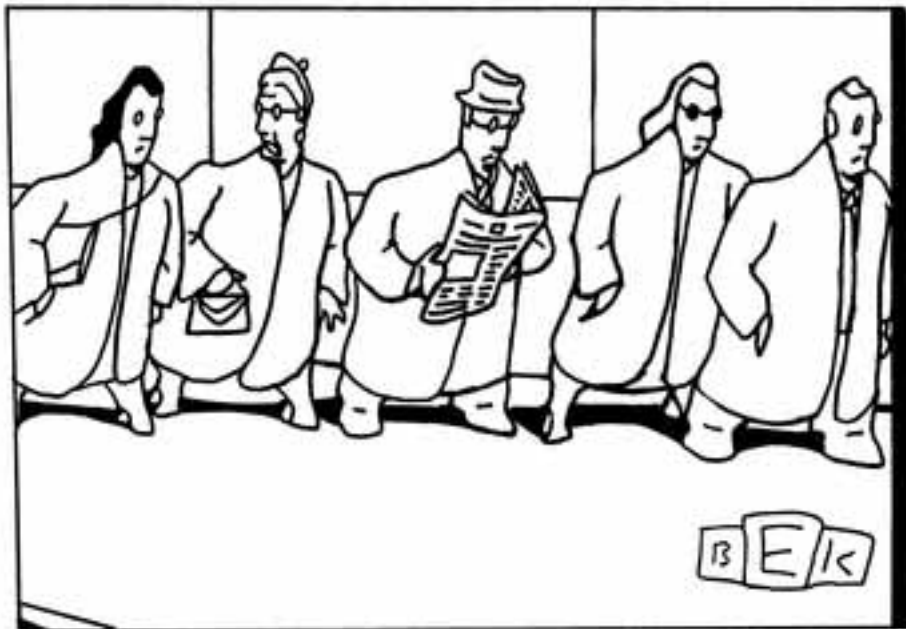
*"I figure if I don't have that third Martini,
then the terrorists win."*

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (8 OF 10)



"I liked the theme to the Gulf War better."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (9 OF 10)



"It's hard, but slowly I'm getting back to hating everyone."

THE WAY WE LAUGH NOW (10 OF 10)



*"We should consider ourselves fortunate.
At least we have food and shelter."*

DOG DAY AFTERNOON (1 OF 2)

DOG DAY AFTERNOON



DOG DAY AFTERNOON (2 OF 2)



THE FUNNIES (1 OF 17)



"Him? Oh, he's the guy who owns the car."

THE FUNNIES (2 OF 17)



*"Maybe you recognize me from the last
time I looked familiar."*

THE FUNNIES (3 OF 17)



*"I'll pay you double what my parents are
giving you not to tutor me."*

THE FUNNIES (4 OF 17)



"You're doing it wrong."

THE FUNNIES (5 OF 17)



"Look, mother, this section should interest you."

THE FUNNIES (6 OF 17)



THE FUNNIES (7 OF 17)



*“Actually, it’s one giant organism connected by blood,
genes, and a common source of old wealth.”*

THE FUNNIES (8 OF 17)



*“There’s no shooting—we just make
you keep smoking.”*

THE FUNNIES (9 OF 17)



“Gee, that’s funny—I thought I heard a knock.”

THE FUNNIES (10 OF 17)



"While You Were Out."

THE FUNNIES (II OF 17)



"I suppose this is some kind of wake-up call."

THE FUNNIES (12 OF 17)



“Dig into his past and find something unseemly.”

THE FUNNIES (13 OF 17)



"I don't even know what's funny anymore."

THE FUNNIES (14 OF 17)



THE FUNNIES (15 OF 17)



"Lots more interesting stuff under the table."

THE FUNNIES (16 OF 17)



THE FUNNIES (17 OF 17)



"Bigfoot? Never heard of him."

“Typical trust-fund red from a vanity vintner.”

WINE COUNTRY (2 OF 3)

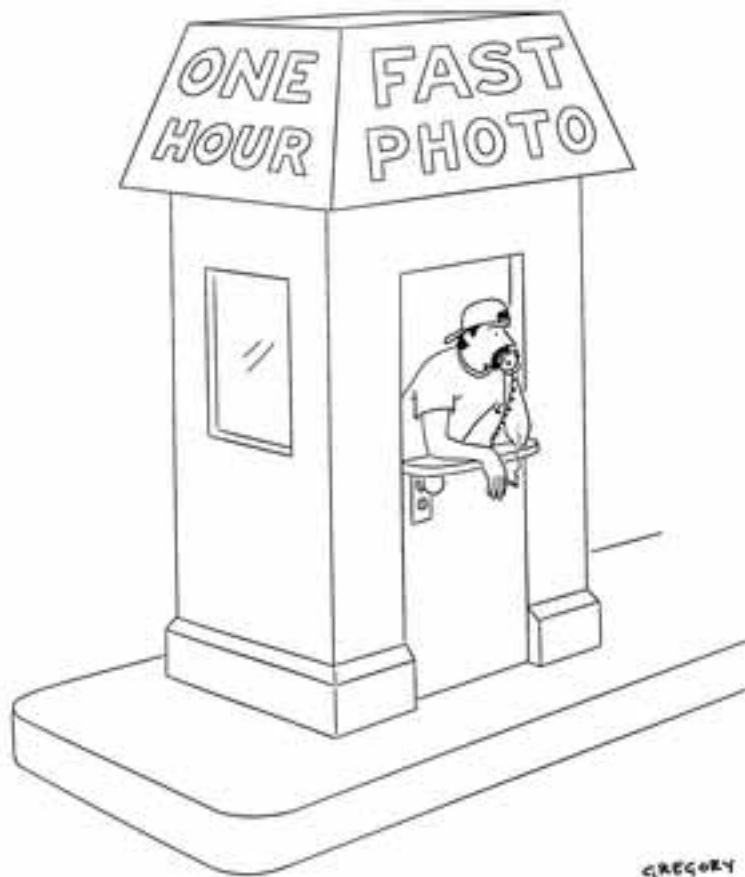


“Bob’s family has been here since 1948, which, where you guys come from, in France, is, like, the equivalent of five hundred years.”

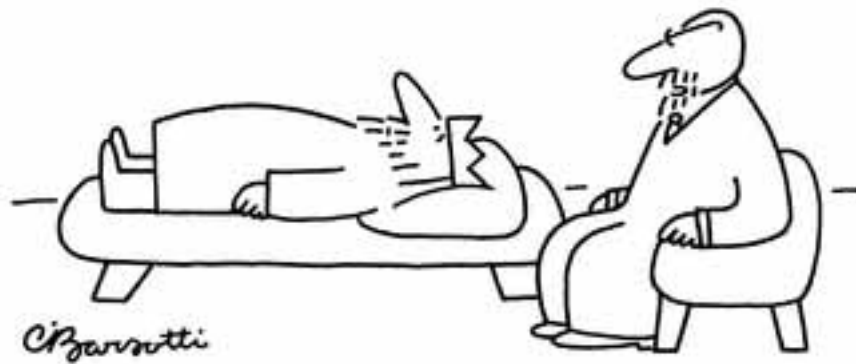
WINE COUNTRY (3 OF 3)



"Oh, my God! You mean this is you?"



"You have no idea how political this place is."



"And do you feel that you are a pretender?"



*"Can I call you back? We're in the middle of transitioning
from tree-frog allergies to bioterrorism."*



"I understand that we may get a chance to meet Geraldo."



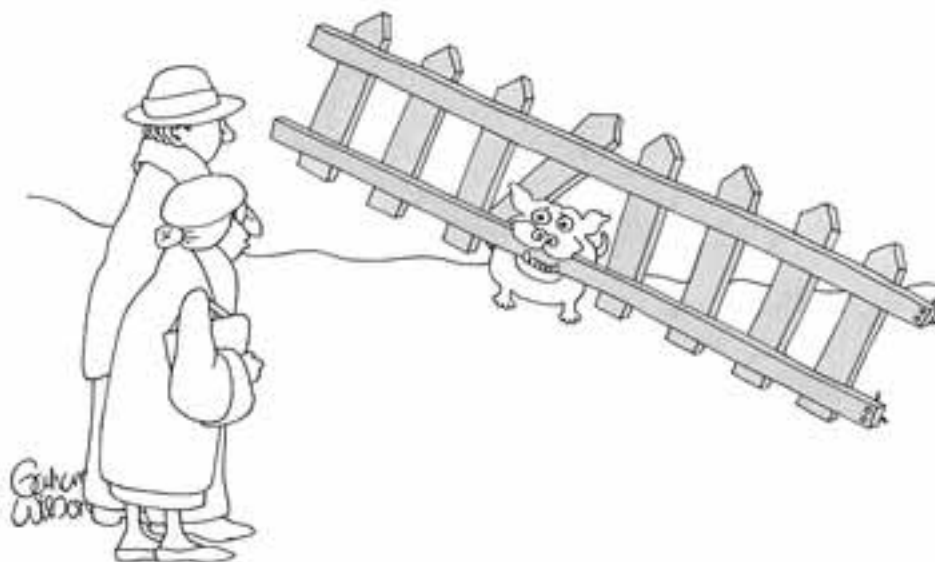
“Just six months ago, he was completely feral.”



“There’s my very first school—where I learned how to hug.”



"Requesting a postponement, Your Honor, until the mood of the country is less pro-metermaid."



"I think he wants you to throw him the fence."



"A funny thing happened at work today."



"Medicine is giving the eat-drink-and-be-merry model another look."



"I don't like all the responsibility that comes with my new pompousness."





"I want to write what I know, but all I know is writing workshops."



*"You seem familiar, yet somehow strange—are
you by any chance Canadian?"*



*"They say we can go there for Thanksgiving or
they can cut us out of the will. Our choice."*

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FIRST-PERIOD ALGEBRA



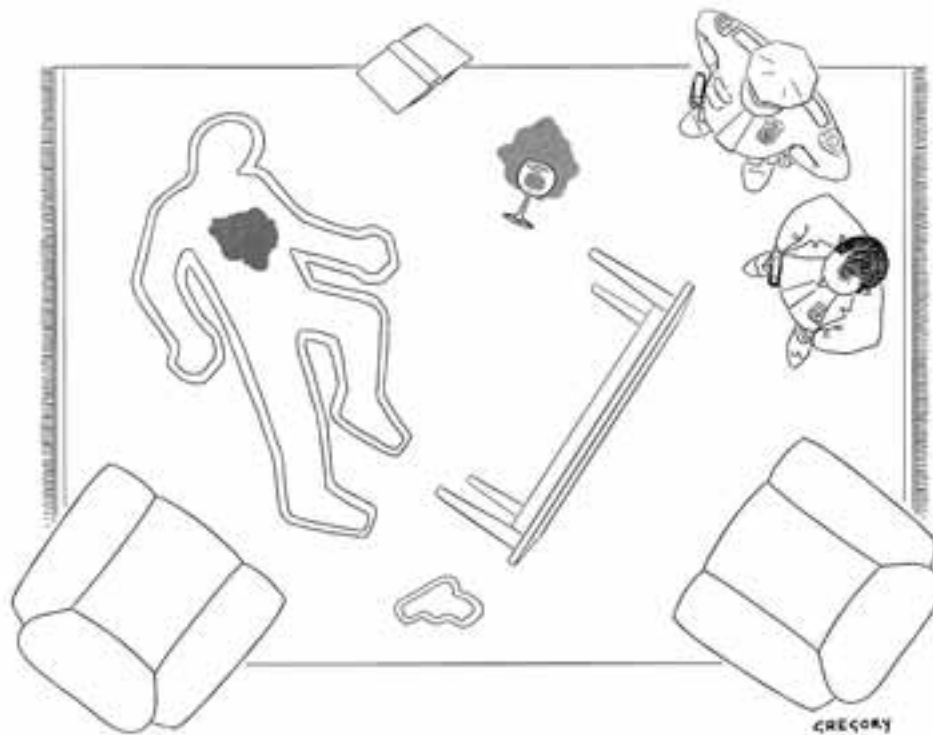


"Is it a boy or a girl?"





"I'm going to get a paper. Be right back."



"Notice how the rug really ties the crime scene together."





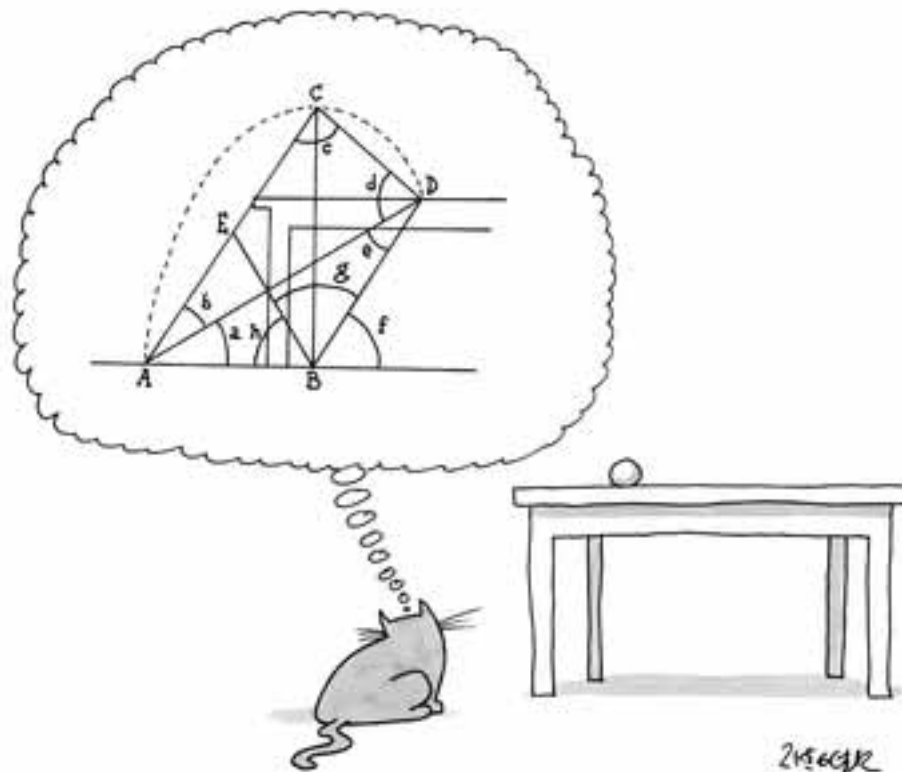
“Oh, you know, same old same old.”



*“And it was so typically brilliant of you
to have invited an epidemiologist.”*



"That was nice, but I don't want to make it a regular thing."





"They're no more pointless now than they ever were."



"It's dawn, Dad. Want to knock off for breakfast?"



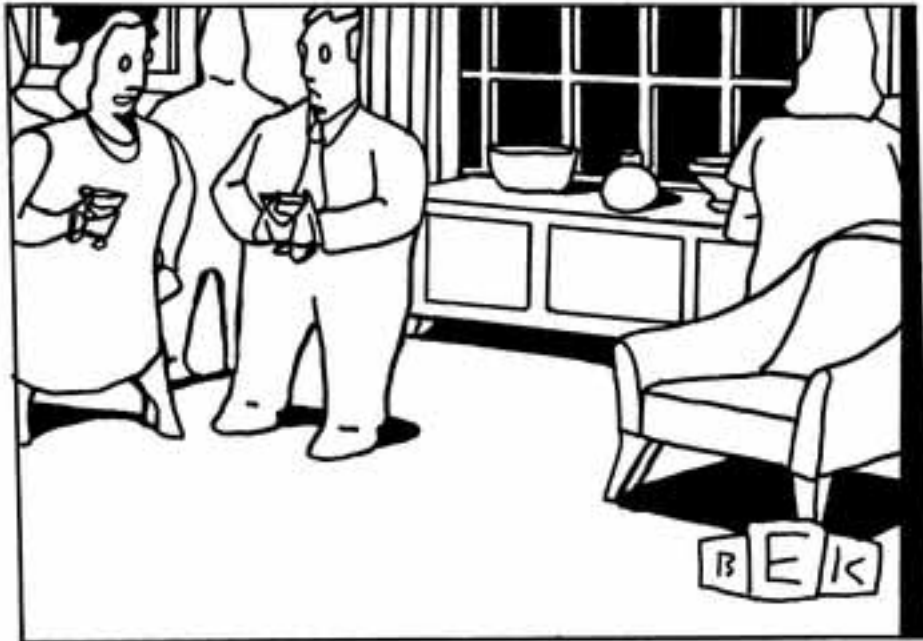
"I've told you not to do that to the jury!"



*“Excuse me, but it’s important to get those drinks
to those who need them the most.”*



“Remember, son, it’s never too early to start saving for retirement.”



“Where do you come up with your rationalizations for not writing?”



"I don't want to hear 'can't'—you find out where the Special Forces are deployed, and you send them some goddam muffin baskets!"



“Which door did you come through?”

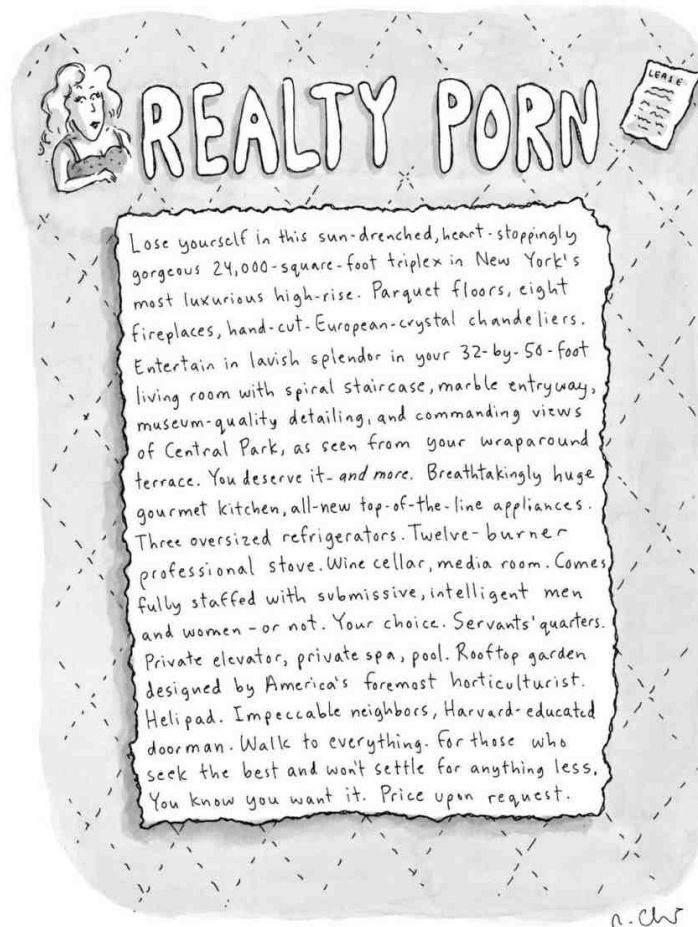




*“Would it be possible to get baked beans on toast?
I’m not British—I’m just crazy.”*

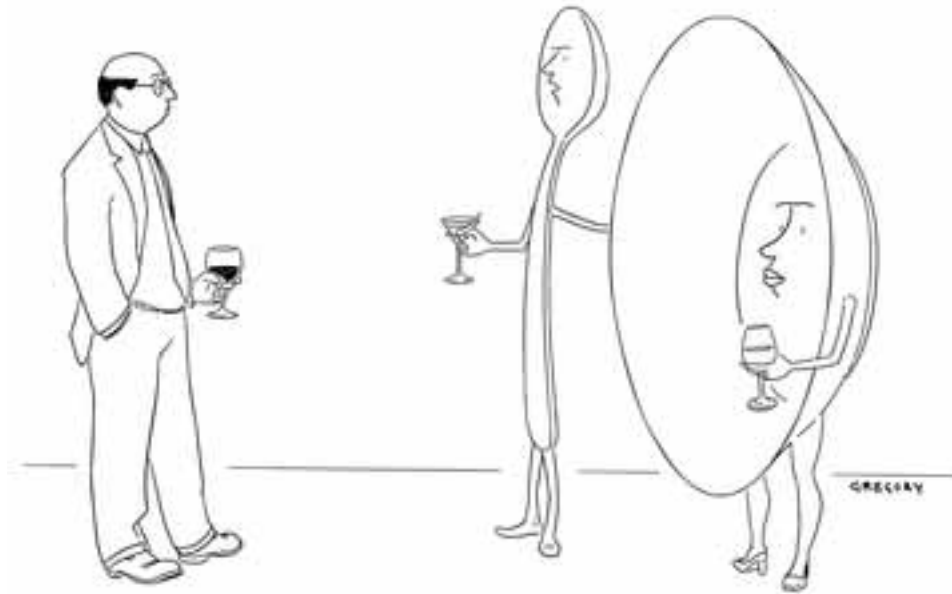


"It's worth a try."





"You know, I've often wondered where the fuse box is myself."



"We're raising the children as forks."

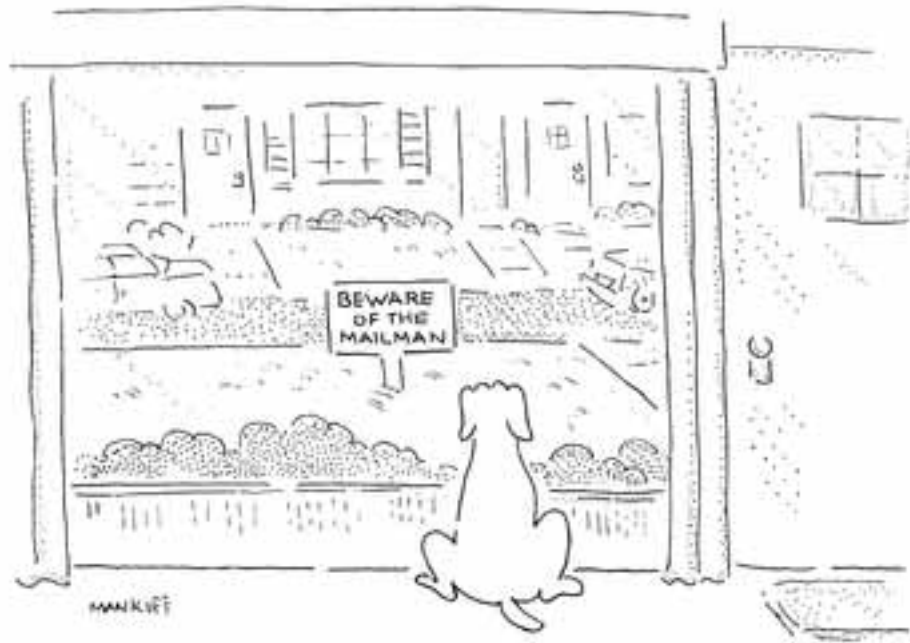


"I really can't emphasize this enough, Peters—you no longer work here."



“Look, I’d like to avoid overkill, but not at the risk of underkill.”







“Remember—slo-mo replay adds at least twenty pounds.”



"And that's a huge colander."





“LaGuardia, and hurry—I’ve got a flight in six hours.”



"We have adult teeth now, Debbie, and, as such, they demand adult pain."



"We had these twigs flown in from Italy."



*"I really liked that stuff you were saying about all of us
being sinners and how we're damned for eternity."*



“A non-virgin would have a devastating effect on crop yield.”



"And you know, realistically, it's much safer than driving."



“O.K., we’ll meet back here in about five hundred dollars.”



"Two 'Charlie Roses' doesn't make you a Middle East scholar!"



"That's my dad back when he was, like, militarized."



"My issues! Read all about it!"



"It's me, the guy on the phone."

NEWLY DISCOVERED LEARNING DISABILITIES

GO-CARTITIS

Instead of focussing on topic at hand, kid fantasizes about go-carts.



CLOCK-WATCHING DISORDER

He or she plays mental games with wall clock rather than pay full attention.



DOODLER'S SYNDROME

Child insists on drawing, thus completely shutting out teacher's voice.



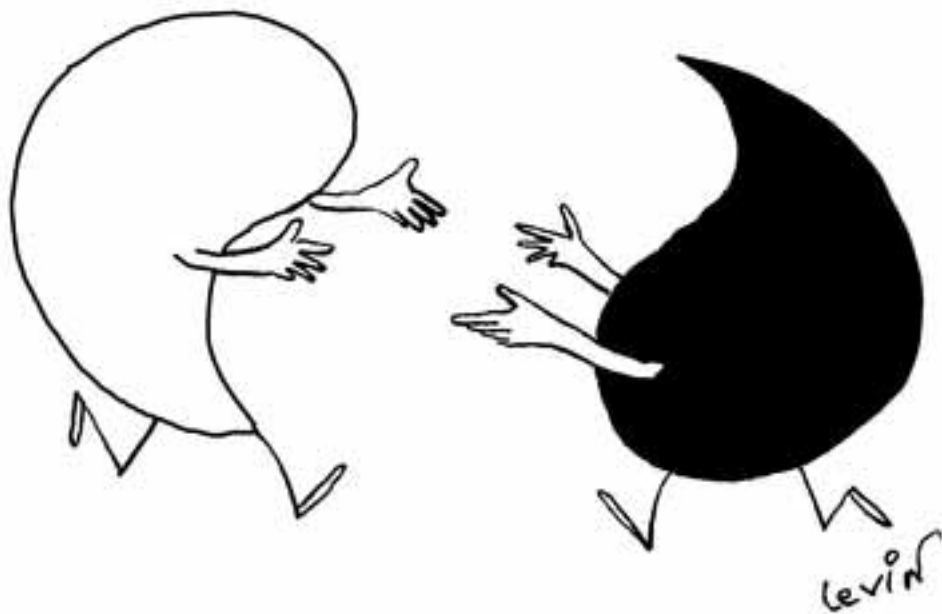
JIMMY'S CONDITION

Student gets on own train of thought, and that is the end of THAT.





“Of course I’m listening. I’m in a heightened state of alert.”





“And the dim fluorescent lighting is meant to emphasize the general absence of hope.”



“Damn it, Franklin—when will you learn to delegate.”



*"And you must be the domestic partner
we refused to extend spousal benefits to."*



*"I know it's tech-support, but, for two-fifty a minute,
I expect you to talk dirty."*



"Sex brought us together, but gender drove us apart."



"What kind of fire, hon—oak, maple, or apple?"



“Doesn’t it seem like we just finished letting the air out of last year’s tree?”



"The Farmers' Almanac is calling for a long, hard winter."



"Take this, Luke. They say it's impossible to get a decent baguette west of the Pecos."



"Little bastard played you like a video game."



“Wings that don’t work! Harps we can’t play! And these infuriating nighties! Are you sure this isn’t Hell?”



"Nothing yet, sir, but we have found Elvis."



"He's cooing on the ledge. May I take a message?"



"I'm not quite ready yet. Why don't you come in and make us a drink while I figure out how not to project all my hopes and fears onto you?"



"All I really want is control over my own body!"



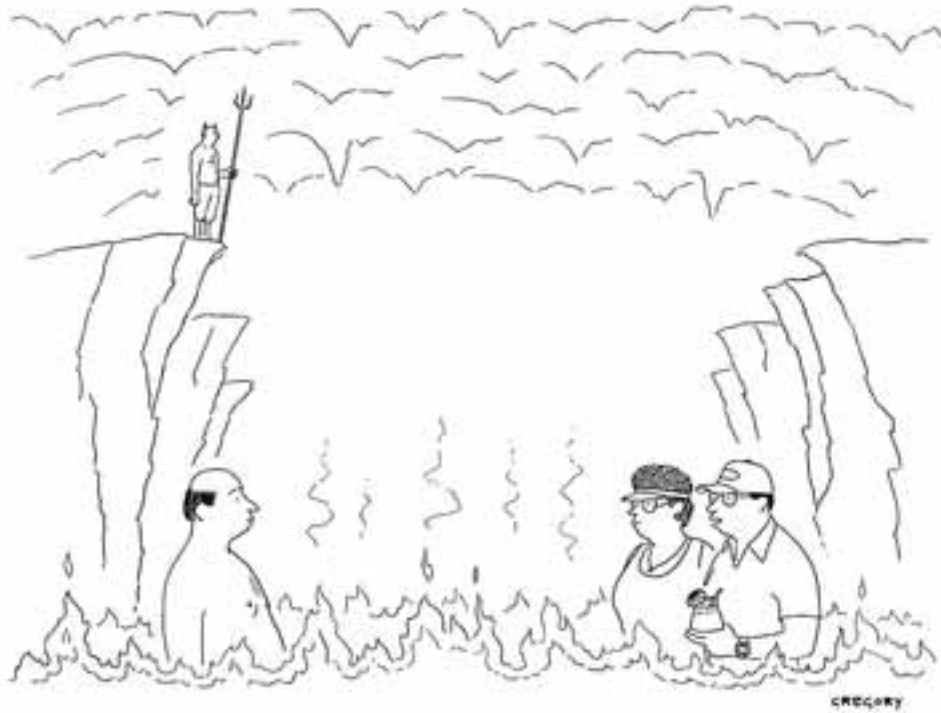
"Well, I want to talk."



“If you want sex, just ask—there’s no need to preface everything with ‘In light of recent events.’”



"I'm going to California for the gold. I'm not into nation-building."



“Oh, we’re just down here for the winter.”



"No. 2, please step forward and shake your belly like a bowlful of jelly."



"I'd feel safer if you were an ex-marine with a gun collection."



“Well, if there’s not going to be any bonus, how about some reparations?”



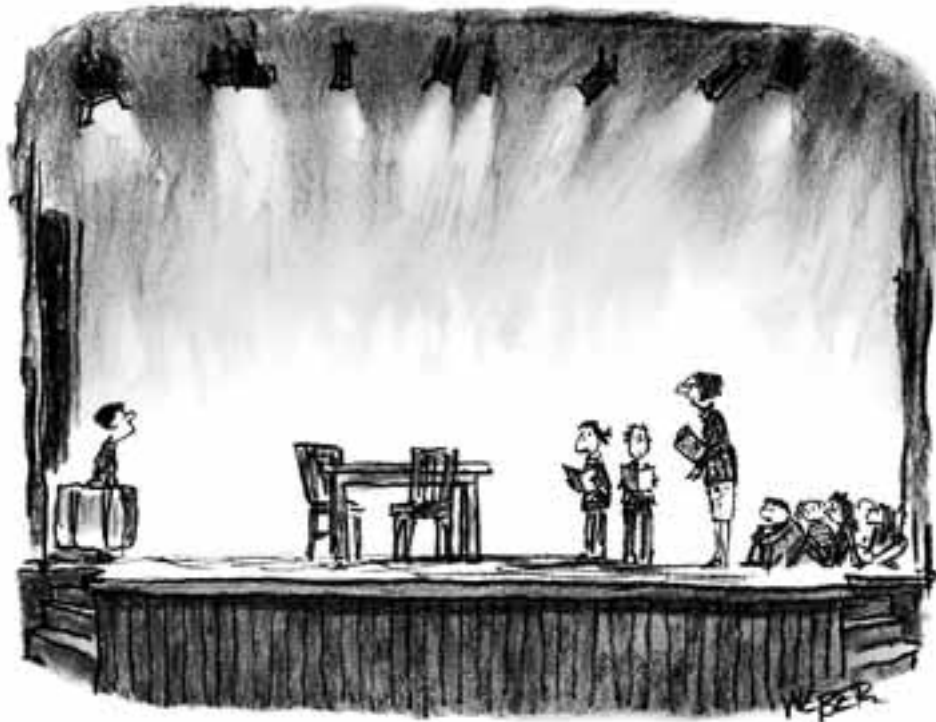
"All I can say is thank goodness for teleconferencing."



"I'll never forget where I'm telling my wife I was that day."



"I'm afraid you've had a paradigm shift."



*“O.K., Willy, drag yourself to the table and
collapse in despair. Enter Biff.”*



“If it’s really his private reserve, what’s it doing for sale?”

HOME ALONE (1 OF 2)

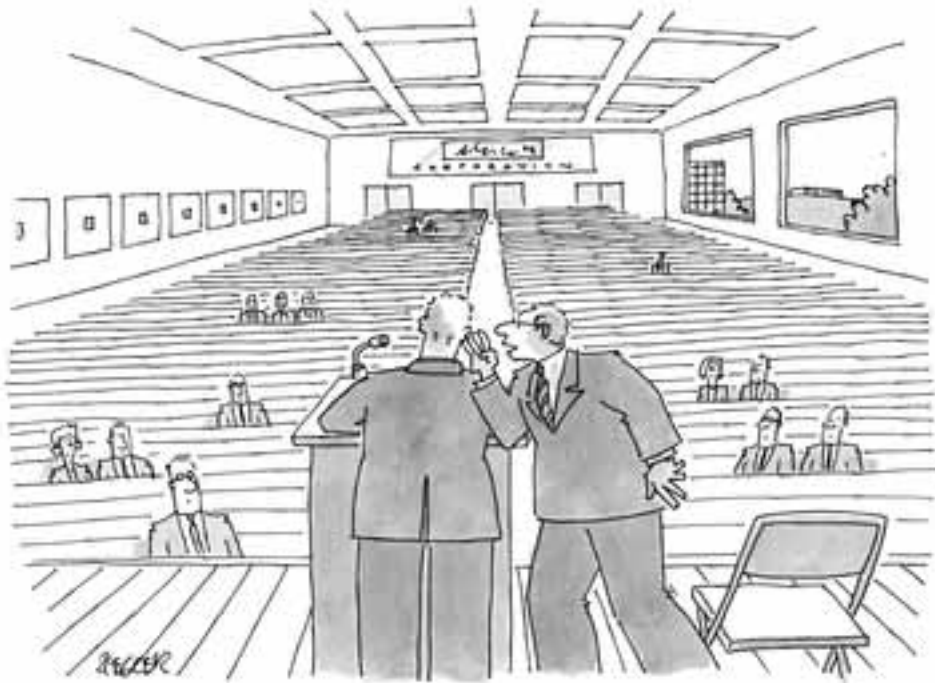


The Final Chapter





*“Your Honor, may I point out to the court that my client
pleaded guilty to wrongdoing, but not evildoing.”*



“Cut a few thousand jobs here, boss, a few thousand jobs there, and they start to add up.”



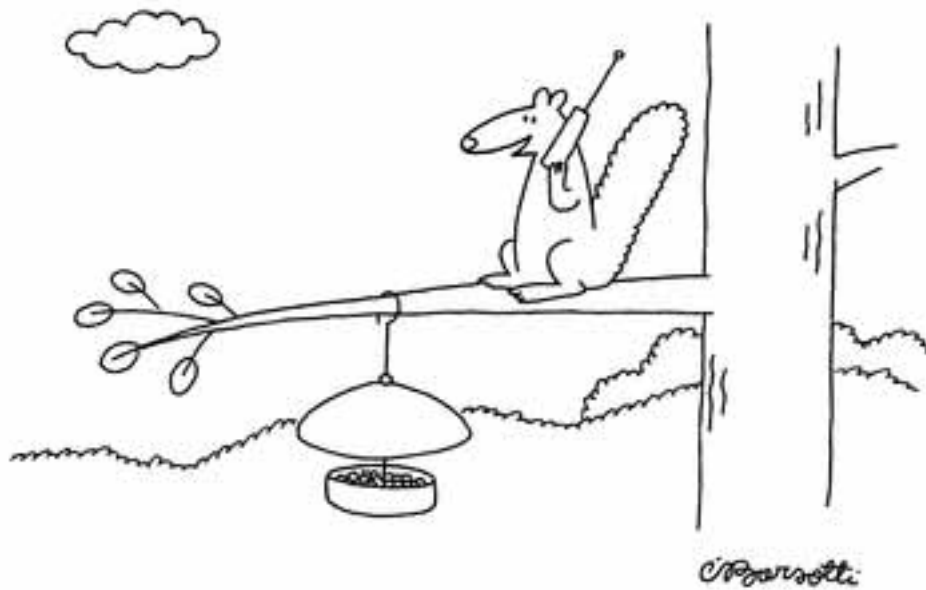
"You're incredibly tight."





"Oh! Homework."





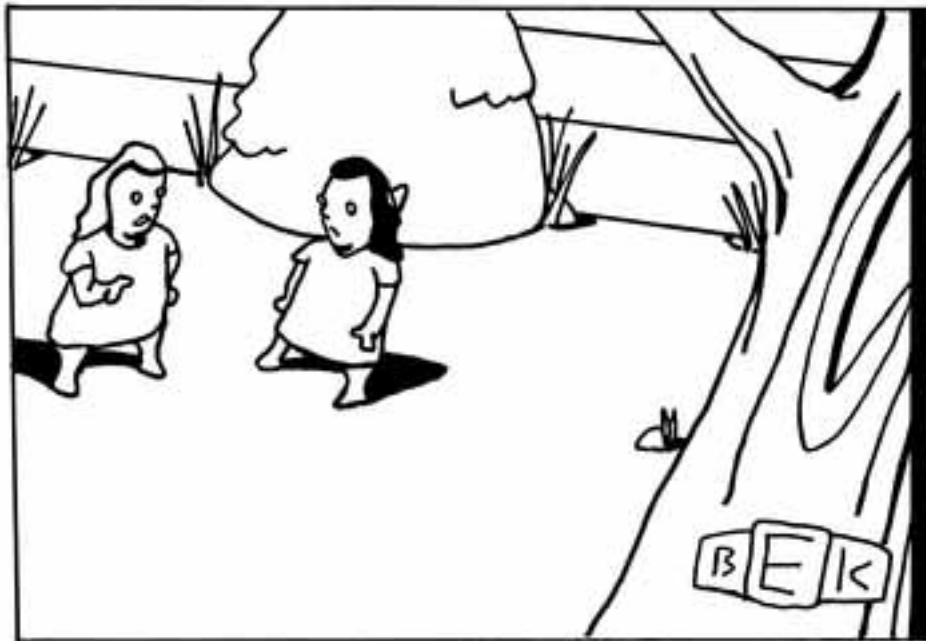
"It's rustic and undiscovered, but you'd better hurry."



"Another outburst like that, counsellor, and I'll order suppressing fire."



*“Stop avoiding me. I know when you are sleeping.
I know when you’re awake.”*



"I've had to whine hard for everything I've ever really wanted."





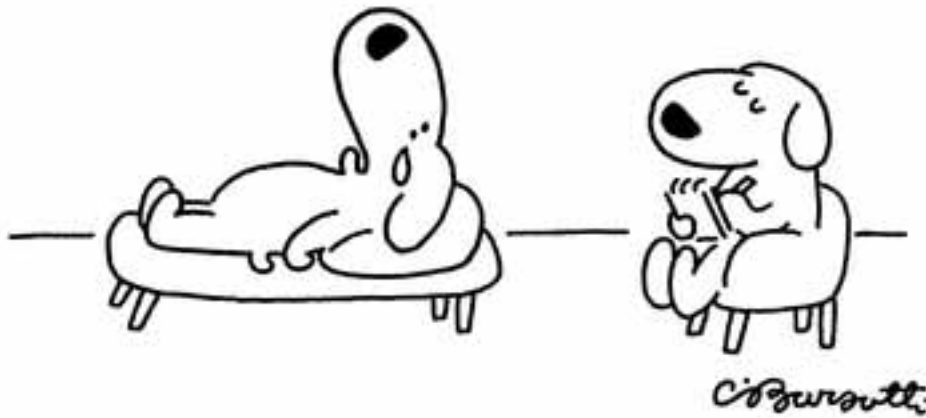
"Don't you have another retirement plan?"



“So I blame you for everything—whose fault is that?”



"Is that your 'God Bless America' or mine?"



“‘Bad dog, bad dog,’ she said. ‘We should have gotten a cat.’”



“In addition to our speaker’s many and considerable lifetime achievements, she is widely known as a piece of work!”



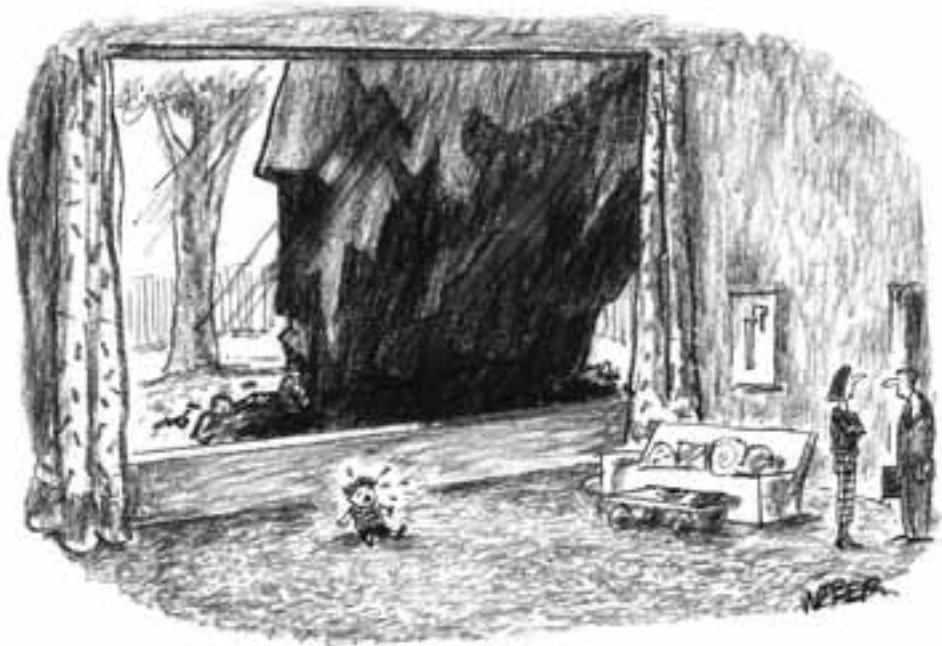
“Any volunteers?”



"The only way you will be able to function here is if you think of yourself as having already been fired."



"Highlight the battleship-gray."



"Poor Zachary. A meteorite squashed his swing set."

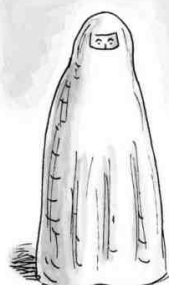


"Iggy Pop? More like Iggy Grandpop."



*"We are in the bears' house. Goldilocks has just eaten
a bowl of porridge. Papa Bear enters."*

AFGHANIGAP



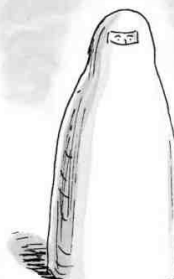
Classic



Cargo



Pleated front



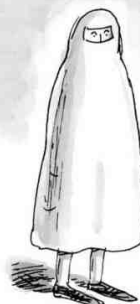
Flat front



Slim fit with
Lycra



Relaxed fit



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"I have a mango in the fridge that I can't deal with."

